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ARGYRO-CASTRON IS CAPTURED BY GREEKS: BRILLIANT SUCCESS

ATHENS, DEC. 6 (REUTER).—ARGYRO-CASTRON, CAPITAL OF SOUTH-WESTERN ALBANIA, HAS FALLEN TO THE GREEKS. REPORTS RECEIVED HERE STATE THAT THE ITALIANS HAD SLOWLY BEEN EVACUATING THE TOWN DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS, AND ITS EVACUATION WAS COMPLETED LAST NIGHT.

Leopold & Petain May Meet

Behind-Scene Activity By The Nazis

MADRID, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The possibility of an early meeting between Marshal Petain and King Leopold of the Belgians following the latter's recent talks with Hitler, is mooted by the Paris correspondent of the newspaper "Ya". This correspondent also suggests that Petain may meet Field Marshal Goering at an early date for conversations in which the French Admiral Darlan may take part. It is added that Versailles is being evacuated by German troops and Petain may be installed there about the middle of this month. Supporters of the Vichy Government say that he will be delighted with the change but according to the "Ya" correspondent, his old friends whisper to the contrary while the people of Paris believe that Marshal Petain will "shut himself up in a sort of Vatican full of spiritual forms and temporal limitations."

Effective bombing raids were carried out today by Greek aircraft through narrow valleys in the region of Prometi, and on Klissura.

Greek newspaper reports state that the Greek advance in the north is beginning to threaten Albanian oilfields between the Devoli and Skumbi rivers, which are at present Italy's only source of natural oil supply.

Italians Routed In Snow-Top Mountains

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATHENS, Dec. 6 (UP).—The Greek newspaper Vradinis publishes despatches from Moschopolis claiming that Italian prisoners continue to arrive "in thousands from the Moschopolis sector including a large percentage of officers who were ordered, by the Italians, to be shot if they retreated."

City Entered At Noon

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—Greek troops entered Argyro-Castron at noon to-day, according to reports reaching the Yugoslav-Albanian border. About one battalion of Italian troops and much war material are stated to have been captured, including four heavy guns, many mountain guns and machine-guns. The Italians are retiring on the whole of the northern front, while Greek forces are advancing along the valleys of the rivers Skumbi and Devoli and Osun towards El Bassan and Berat, both important positions. During the past two days, 300 Italo-Albanian troops have surrendered to the Yugo-Slav authorities. They talk of an ever-increasing disorganisation in the Italian army, and the imminent collapse of Italian authority in Albania.

Rapid Retreat

BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—Latest reports from the front, confirmed by aerial reconnaissance, show that the Italians are still retreating as rapidly as possible towards the small port of Chiamanna on the coastal road from Santi Quaranta.

N. African Campaign

British Initiative BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN DESERT, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The tide of battle has gradually changed recently, and it is now the British Army that commands the initiative. Actions of British advance posts well within sight of the enemy have now become so aggressive that it amounts almost to an offensive. Soldiers who had been in the front line for a few months and have returned to Cairo for leave, have been amazed at the vast supplies of war material that has been accumulated. Reserve troops and equipment have not been allowed to stagnate but are being employed actively in large scale training in tactical exercises to accustom newcomers to desert warfare.

Transport Attacked

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Enemy motor transport north of Kassala have been attacked by aircraft of the Rhodesian Squadron operating over Italian East Africa. The enemy was heavily machine-gunned. Many reconnaissances were carried out over the whole operational area and valuable information was obtained before the aircraft returned safely to the base.

20 Hours of Fighting

The despatches report very heavy fighting above Moschopolis and say the general Greek attack has succeeded after 20 hours fighting on the mountain chain west of Koritza, where the towering cone-like snow covered peaks rise sheer from the foothills. The Greeks used breeches buoys and have mounted air guns on the narrow plateau near the summit, hammering the retreating Italians. This sector is reported to be held by footless and discouraged Piedmontese regiments and one despatch alleges that these troops broke and ran.

Advance From Premeti

STRUGA, Dec. 6 (UP).—Frontier reports say that after the Greeks had occupied Premeti, they captured seven Italian officers, 200 soldiers, two auto trucks, two light field guns and six machine-guns on the main road 21 miles from Mesaria. Immediately after the occupation of Premeti, the Greeks divided into two columns and continued their advance. The left column, yesterday afternoon, advanced five miles and this morning occupied a position at the confluence of the Komnice and TURN to Page 6, Column Six

Important Heights Held

Here the Greeks now hold most of the important peaks. El Bassan is an important road junction town in the upper central part of Albania, leading directly to the biggest port of Durazzo.

The Italians in the last few days have been moving into positions which indicate an attempt to make a line of resistance between Chiamanna and Tepelini, but Italian hopes of making a stand on a second or third line of defence seem gradually crumbling.

If the Italian divisions now retreating precipitously from the south-west cannot make the hoped for stand, some of them, presumably, will have to make for El Bassan, which, however, is also beginning to be threatened by the Greek armies in the north-east.

The number of prisoners coming through in the last few days amount to several thousands, though official figures have not yet been given.

Determined Stand

The Italian resistance has been determined, and there has been a high proportion of officers among their dead and prisoners.

U.S. Embassy Woman Employee Detained

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The State Department here in an official announcement in connection with the detention of Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, clerk in the U.S. Embassy in Paris, said that twice within a week she was invited by Germans to visit acquaintances at the Cherche-Midi Prison. On the second, on the morning of December 3, two German civilians visited Mrs. Deegan's apartment and invited her to go to Cherche-Midi to visit one or more British officers. Mrs. Deegan went with the Germans; later she returned to obtain

warm clothing. During the evening one of her friends received a message from an unspecified source to the effect that Mrs. Deegan was comfortably lodged and that she would doubtless report for duty at the Embassy on December 9. Mrs. Deegan did not report, and appropriate action was being taken by the American Embassy in Paris.

Capetown, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The Sultan of Johore accompanied by the Sultanah, arrived here on a brief visit and was welcomed on behalf of the Government.

THEY SAFEGUARD BRITISH TOWNS

Night and day the anti-aircraft batteries work to defend the important districts in Britain from enemy bombing. Here is an unusual photograph showing an A. A. battery in action during night-time. A thin trail of smoke may be discerned; it is made by an enemy plane as she spirals down to earth after receiving a direct hit from the guns.



"Telegraph" Correspondent Interviews Admiral Nomura

'U.S.-Japan War Would Be Tragedy For Civilisation'

By JOHN R. MORRIS
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (UP).—Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, newly-appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States, told me in an exclusive interview to-day that he did not believe there was any differences between Japan and America that could not be settled by time and statecraft, adding that "war between the United States and Japan would be tragedy for civilisation."

Greenwich Observatory Bombs Fall On Windsor Castle Grounds

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 6 (UP).—It has been disclosed that the Royal Observatory at Greenwich has been damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs during recent raids.

Three bombs fell on the grounds at Windsor Castle recently. The Castle was not damaged.

One bomb fell on the fairway of the Royal nine hole golf course, 200 yards from the Royal apartments; another on the household's cricket ground near the tennis courts, and an oil bomb fell on the bowling green near the Royal Mausoleum.

Duke Has Narrow Escape

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Duke of Gloucester recently had a narrow escape when German bombers dropped bombs near his party during military visit. Nobody was hurt.

Bombers Brief Visit

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—After a somewhat later alert in the London area, the raiders passed signal was sounded at one of the earliest hours of recent times.

Through the interview, the first he has granted since his investiture by Emperor Hirohito, Admiral Nomura displayed a keen sense of the responsibilities he has assumed.

"No matter who won the 'first round' the peace of the Pacific area would be menaced regularly thereafter as the loser sought revenge," he declared. "We would have in this peaceful ocean the same sort of intermittent warfare that plagues Europe to-day."

Nomura emphasized the delicate and difficult nature of the post he had accepted, pointing out that he was well aware of the conflicting features between the fundamental policies of the United States and Japan respectively, and the dangers for both peoples that these conflicts represented.

Nomura protested that he who had spent most of his adult life in the active naval service, who had little first-hand experience in diplomacy was ill-equipped for the task which confronts the Japanese ambassador to Washington; he accepted the appointment at last, he explained, only at the urgent insistence of Foreign Minister Yomei Matsuoka.

The Ambassador was asked how he expected to explain the tripartite alliance with Germany and Italy as an instrument not aimed at the United States.

(Unfavourable American reaction to this pact has evoked official Japanese explanations that Japan's deal with the Axis was designed to preserve peace not start war with the United States.)

Admiral Nomura explained that he had not yet received his official instructions from the Foreign Minister, but personally thought there was no danger of the "Axis" Treaty.

Nazis Training Japanese Troops In Blitz Tactics For New Drive

CHUNGKING, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The Sino-Japanese situation is likely to settle down for the time being to a state of stalemate pending fresh international developments. This is the view of well-informed Chinese observers here.

The signature of the Nanking Treaty between Japan and its nominee, Wang Ching-wei, has, in their view, finally closed the door to all hopes of peace negotiations between Tokio and Chungking which have persistently cropped up in the past.

U. S. Yards To Build 60 Ships

FOR BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—American shipyards are to be expanded to construct 60 fast 10,000-ton freighters for England, according to authoritative shipping circles here.

The British Purchasing Commission and the United States Maritime Commission are reported to have prepared a plan whereby some "pre-assembly work" such as electrical equipment, dock equipment and engines will be done inland before being sent to the shipyards.

Britain, according to the same informants, does not intend to build shipyards in the United States because the Maritime Commission believes that the existing yards can be expanded sufficiently.

It is felt here that Japan's signature to the Nanking Treaty was meant chiefly for Home consumption, and it is suggested that having failed to liquidate the China situation, Japan will turn her whole attention to expansion southward.

A High Chinese military authority said he estimated that Japan would use ten divisions "for operations in the south seas."

Blitzkrieg Training

Japan it is stated here, has been withdrawing troops from China for training and reorganization, seven divisions of which are said to be undergoing three months' training under German military experts, particularly in blitzkrieg tactics. Their training is expected to be completed early in January.

Meanwhile, two Japanese divisions are said to be concentrated on Hainan Island, while at least another Division could be drawn from Formosa.

Berlin Attitude

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The "Times" special correspondent from a German frontier writes that the Wilhelmstrasse spokesman's remark that Berlin was not influenced by Chiang Kai-shek's declaration after the Japan-Nanking treaty, has led to the disclosure that the Reich attaches the utmost importance to the maintenance of existing normal relations. TURN to Page 6, Column Seven

LATEST

British Credit For China, Talks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 6 (UP).—The Chinese Ambassador to London to-day continued his conversations with Mr. Clement Attlee and Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Chinese circles here, however, told that the absence of a single directing hand on the British side is a handicap to progress being made.

The talks, although only in the preliminary stage, are believed to envisage credits in the neighbourhood of £10,000,000, although no definite sum has yet been stated. The Government agency which lent £5,000,000 to the Chinese currency stabilisation fund in 1938 may now contribute further to the fund, although precautions are desired to prevent Japanese speculations from profiting from manipulations in Chinese currency.

An important aspect of this proposed credits, however, will probably be an arrangement for the British financing of Chinese purchases of strategic raw materials, not only in the United Kingdom, but in the sterling area generally. The Government has already exchanged views with the British Dominions to enlist their co-operation in assisting China.

Manila Waits For Typhoon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Dec. 7 (UP).—The Weather Bureau has announced that a violent typhoon is reported 200 miles southeast of Manila, in the vicinity of Naga in the south Camarines. The typhoon is heading for Manila and should reach the capital about 2 o'clock this afternoon unless it changes course.

Four persons in the Bicol region are reported missing and there has been slight damage to the crops in that region.

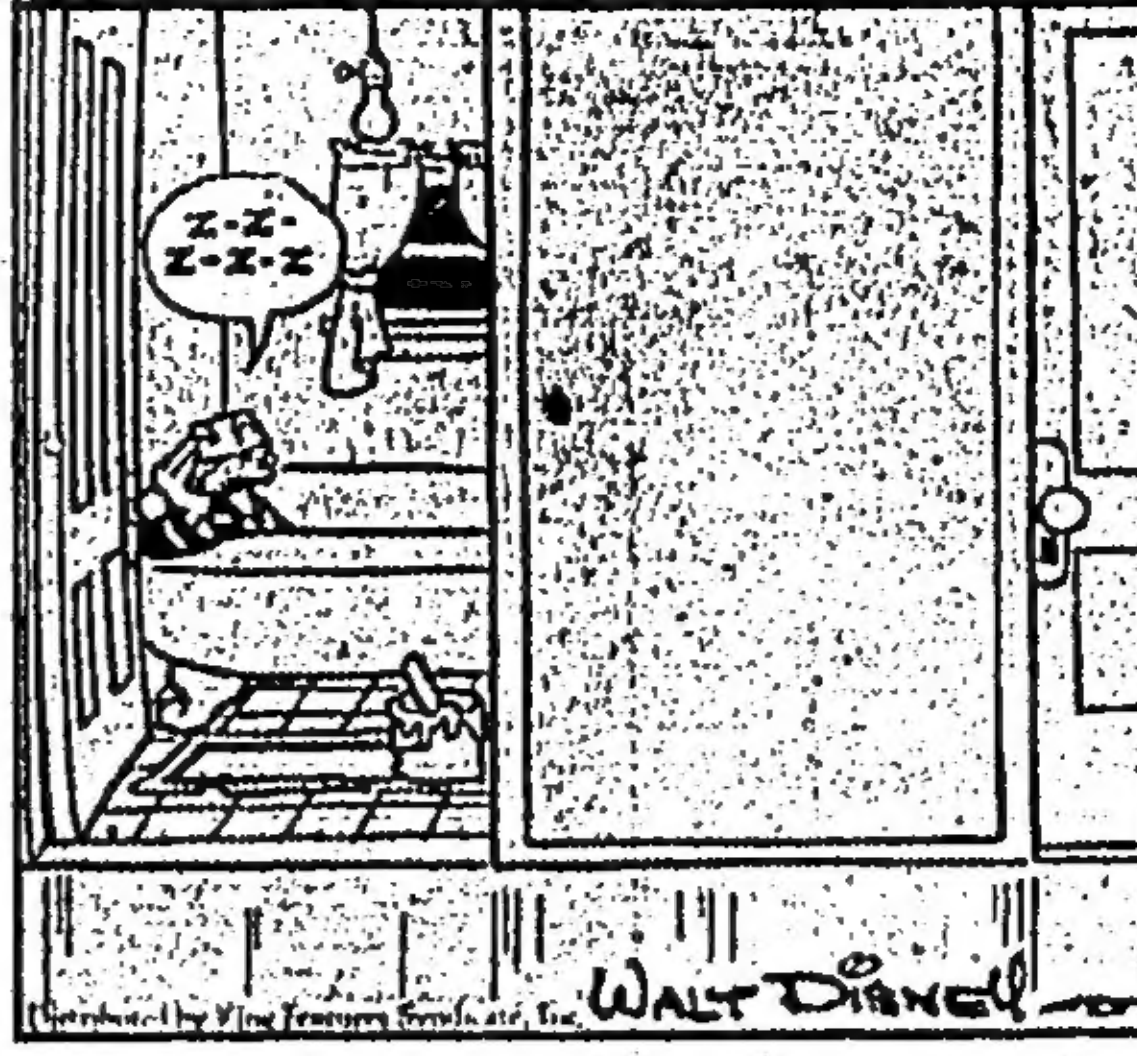
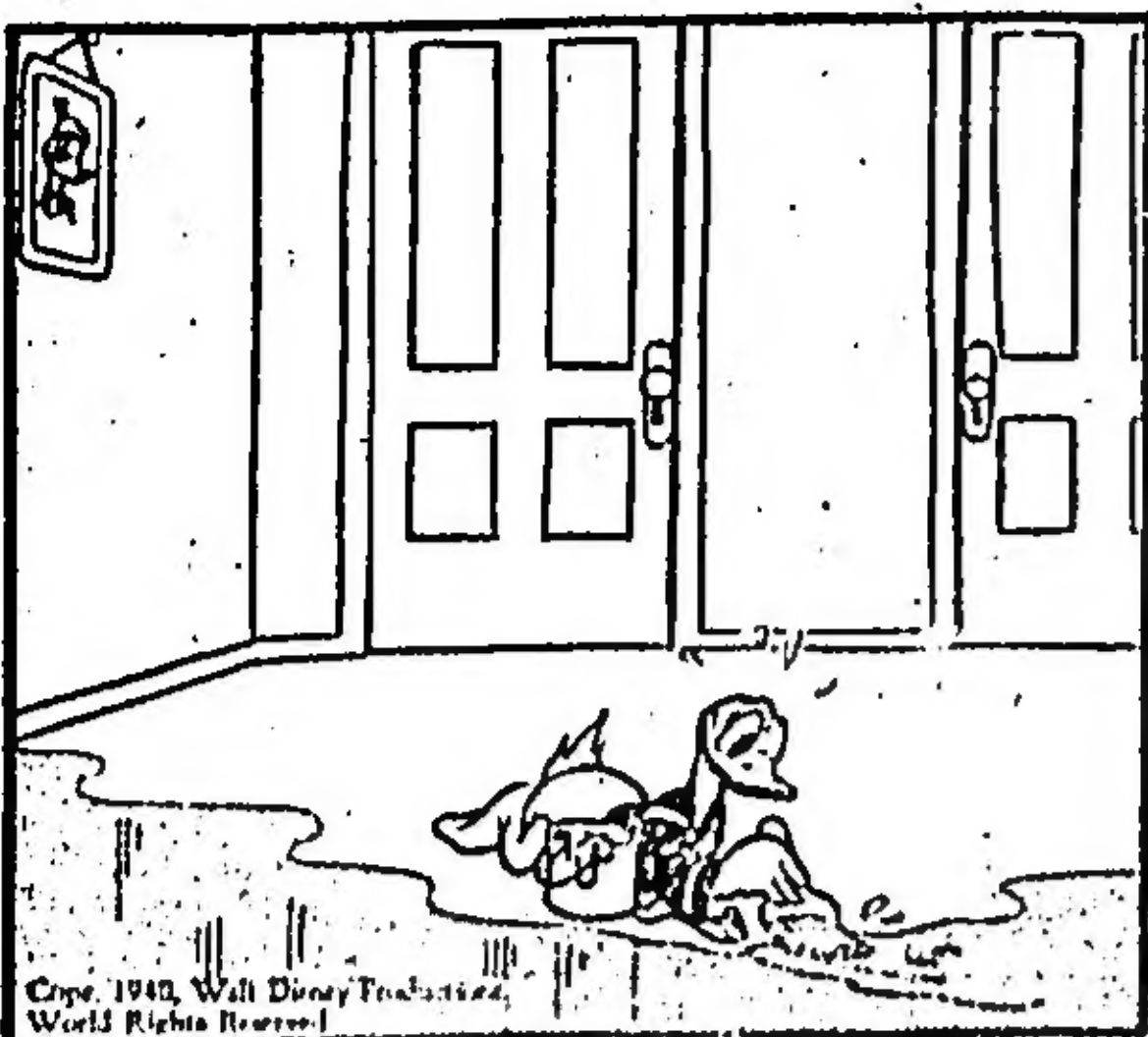
Netherlanders Thrown Into Nazi Prisons

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Between the German invasion of Holland and October 15 about 500 Hollanders, whose names are known, were flung into German prisons.

Netherlands circles in London state that it is believed that the total number imprisoned exceeds 2,000. Seven Generals, 19 university professors, 78 school teachers, ten members of Parliament, seven journalists, six Police Commissioners, and a large number of civil servants and administrators are officially admitted by the Germans to have been arrested.

The German excuse for the arrests was that they were reprisals for the "inhuman treatment of German nationals interned in the Netherlands East Indies." Netherlands circles emphatically deny ill-treatment and state that the real motive for the arrests was to blackmail the Netherlands East Indies authorities and to "blackmail" to remove persons in Holland who might be troublesome to the invaders.

DONALD DUCK



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"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

THE indiscriminate bombing of open towns by the Germans—the murder of women and children (not to mention the blinding and maiming), all go to make up the orgy of frightfulness which Hitler and his hated people have for years premeditated. No words can adequately condemn the atrociousness of their work.

It surely is perfectly clear that no action on our part can be too drastic in ridding this world of this pestilence—this cancerous excrescence which is fouling all that civilisation stands for. And the Huns call it Kultur!

Hitler has boasted about his total warfare, and this is the only promise he has made which he has kept. Why, therefore, should we hesitate in paying him back in his own kind?

We hear time and time again how the Air Force has bombed Hamburg, blasted marshalling yards at a dozen points, smashed Krupp's and the Skoda Works, set oil tanks ablaze. All this is necessary and heartening, but it will be more heartening when we hear that for every open town the Germans bomb, we bomb three of theirs.

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This is no moment for our finer feelings. Until we demonstrate to the German people themselves that our vengeance will be swift, merciless and sure—until we smash their open towns more thoroughly than they endeavour to destroy ours—until then, will German air men continue to receive instructions to murder and maim British women and children, and lay waste our treasured cathedrals and homes.

It is all very well to say that our people can take it. Of course they can; but there is little doubt that by now they want to hit the Germans harder than they are being hit—and the sooner all claim to clean fighting is forgotten, the better.

By JOHN BLUNT

sooner will the German murder machine be smashed. We must teach them to abhor the horrors which they themselves started, and the only way to drive home to their robot minds what their total warfare means, is to give them heavy doses of their own medicine.

Of course, it is universally recognised that by bombing certain thickly populated districts, the Germans are not making the slightest progress in their fanatical desire to destroy England and the British Empire. But they are causing great suffering and creating extensive destruction. In the last war, Germany was spared the witnessing of the horrors of war, but this time, until her people see for themselves what Hitler has done for them—until they suffer as they have made others suffer—they will not yield.

It must be remembered that we are defending civilisation against a monster who employs every foul device in order to exterminate those who dare to stand in his path. We must counter device with device; method with method or only by so doing shall we win the defeat of German frightfulness.

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The amazing part of the orgy of killing is the fact that Hitler has managed to secure supporters. Italy is beginning to realise that her partnership with a thug is anything but pleasant, and I am sure that Japan is becoming very doubtful as to the wisdom of her choice. Both of Hitler's deluded dupes must be fully aware by now that the gangster business is not as safe as it was represented to be, and that having succumbed to the promise of a share in the loot, they now realise that the only thing they are likely to share is the grim punishment which is coming to their master—Germany.

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My eye caught a headline in a Shanghai newspaper the other day. It read: "14,000 Jewish

Refugees Face Starvation This Winter."

Just a mere handful of men, women and children who have been hounded from their homes and countries—their worldly possessions snatched from them by Hitler's ruthless machine. Denied the right to earn their own bread and butter, they have become penniless outcasts, forced to the deepest depths of degradation.

This small community in Shanghai is possibly fortunate in having escaped direct contact with the Nazis. What of the millions in European countries who, under the brutal heel of Hitlerism, have to face this coming winter? One shudders to think of their anguish.

This time, two or three years ago, they were thinking of Christmas. Mothers and fathers of them were happily planning the hanging-up of stockings. Their little children—as precious to them as ours are to us—were writing little notes to the mysterious, kindly old, Father Christmas—and watching the ashes disappear up the chimney on the journey to that legendary land of happiness and hope whence come the dolls and toys. Now they live huddled and cold in huts, in a strange country, where a few kindly strangers do their utmost to alleviate their distress and ill-deserved lot.

For them the legend of Father Christmas has faded away, and in its place stands the gaunt, grinning, bestial apparition of Hitler.

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This same apparition overshadows the world to-day, but in due time it will be overcome—but will still be remembered as a hideous episode in the world's history which will leave behind it sorrow, suffering and tragedy for many in the years which lie ahead.

The man who started this, and the legions who worship and follow him, must be ruthlessly deprived of their evil power by means which will not only prove effective, but speedy. In other words, they must be "bombed" out of their own homes. The people of the British Isles will never falter, and will leave no stone unturned in the task of destroying Hitler and his works. Here in Hongkong we can encourage them by giving monetary assistance. Let's give unstintingly.

GODS OF CHINA



CHOU KWOK KAU

He was of the Imperial family of the Sung. Notice the tablet of admission to Court in his hand.

Being struck one day with the beauty of a married woman, he invited her and her husband to the palace, where he strangled the man. But the woman would have none of his silver-tongued advances. Therefore, he imprisoned her.

The soul of her husband appeared before the Chief Justice and begged vengeance. The young voluptuary, in order to silence the witness, threw the woman down a well and left her; but she was rescued by a good spirit and, after numerous narrow escapes, told her tale to the Chief of Police, an honest man, who ordered the murderer to be executed.

Through the influence of the Empress, the Chief Censor liberated Chou's soul, and from then onwards he turned over a new leaf, lived a life of perfection and, through the instruction of the Perfect Ones, became the last of the Eight Immortals.

Walter C. Clark.

This control cannot last, for the simple reason that the Germans are not fit to exercise it.

"PEACE" TREATY FARCE

The signing of the "peace" treaty between Japan and Wang Ching-wei is surely the biggest farce that has been staged in the diplomatic world for a very long time. As a sham and a piece of hypocrisy for covering up the desperate position in which Japan now finds herself, it compares in folly with the policy that aimed at bringing China to her knees.

Wang Ching-wei, like Quisling, has been brought to his knees, but not China. In a broadcast from Tokyo the other night, the speaker spoke of this magnificent gesture of the generous terms, of the bright hopes for a new order in Asia, and so on. He spoke of Japan's magnanimity and of her generosity in relinquishing extra-territoriality and of foregoing an indemnity.

In the next sentence he spoke of Japan's sphere of influence in North China and Inner Mongolia, of economic co-operation, of the right of Japanese to settle and carry on business in any part of China and, finally, of permanent control of the ports.

This deliberate insult to the intelligence of the listener is either a measure of Japanese ignorance of what normal people know, or it indicates a degree of self-deception that has no parallel in history. Japan wants to get out of China, and Wang Ching-wei has agreed to these terms, but as he has shown no loyalty to his own ruler, it is hardly to be expected he will show any to the Japanese treaty.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

CURRENT COMMENT

By "Scrutineer"

Owing to the astounding success of Greek arms, the situation in the Balkans is now crystallising and is very much in favour of Britain. Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, which form the rampart against further German advance, have definitely proclaimed their neutrality and their determination to maintain it.

Had Rumania displayed a little more courage and resisted the pressure of the Axis, she might now be a free nation instead of a state controlled by Germany.

Mussolini's fatal blunder in trying to secure possession of Greece as a base from which to dominate the Eastern Mediterranean has resulted in his losing what little freedom he had in that area.

It is clear that his ambitions do not correspond with his power to achieve them, seeing that the heart of the Italians is not and never has been in this great adventure.

The future for Italy is certainly not bright. Instead of restoring the Great Roman Empire, Mussolini has found himself expelled by Hitler from the Balkans, and now he is in danger of losing what was held by his Albanian, which he seized on Good Friday, 1939.

MEDITERRANEAN PRESSURE

The relentless pressure of the British Fleet in the Mediterranean means the strangulation of Italy and the starvation of Libya, the Dodecanese, Abyssinia and Somalia. It is now for the Italian people to get rid of the Fascist group, which served a useful purpose in Italy when it confined its attention to domestic politics, but, when it destroyed the accepted tradition in foreign policy and challenged the British Empire, fell into a dangerous trap. The heart of the nation has been strained by over-exertion, and it will require a long period of rest before it can recover from the toxic effects of the Fascist creed. All these comings and goings between Hitler and Mussolini, Ciano and Ribbentrop will cease since there must be a sense of discomfort now.

ITALY'S FATE

If Italy is wise she will seek peace with Britain now before the defeat turns into a rout, and before her colonial empire is irretrievably lost. The exit of the Italians from the war, unless Mussolini can stem the tide in Albania, is a clear possibility of these people who are so clearly superior to them in culture. One thing is certain—they are deeply, however, that Mussolini would not be affected by the unpleasant experience.

face the ridicule of the world whose laughter would be Homer's, if he were to ask for and get German aid.

Face in a case like this is just as important in Europe as it is in China. If Italy goes out, then France would be a useful tool in Hitler's hands, but it is hard to believe even in this age of moral depravity in international politics that Wang Ching-wei would French Colonial ports at the disposal of a declining power such as Germany would be. Success brings in many friends, failure very quickly sheds them. Mussolini served Hitler's purpose in immobilising the British Fleet while he conquered France, and he would still be useful if he could—now that he is at war with Britain—continue to do so. But Hitler is now convinced that he must abandon his dream of an advance through Syria into Egypt, and so Mussolini is of no further use. It all reads like a Greek play, and like a Greek play the tragic development was implicit in the first act, from which every thing moves to its destined end—the extinction of Mussolini.

HITLER'S UNEASY CONTROL

Hitler's power extends from one end of Europe to the other, but it is an uneasy control. Even Hitler in "Mein Kampf" realises the demoralising effect upon those who dominate peoples by whom they are loathed.

No German can reside in Holland, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, France, Poland or Czechoslovakia and not be made more "brutal" or "degraded" by the cold, glassy stare of these people who are so clearly superior to them in culture. One thing is certain—they are deeply, however, that Mussolini would not be affected by the unpleasant experience.

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TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

Eastern-Sing Tao Clash To-morrow

Much Depends Upon Half-back Lines

CHARITY MATCH TO-DAY

(By "SCRAMBLER")

THE IMPENDING CLASH between the Eastern and Sing Tao to-morrow at Caroline Hill has been the talk and topic of the town during the week, and according to rumours prevailing, there will be surprises in more senses than one. In expectation of a bumper crowd, Eastern have gone on ahead in advance sales of tickets, and despite the increased prices charged for admission, most of these tickets have been taken up, and a really record crowd is expected.

Both teams have shown improvement over their previous outings, and my own surmise is that the difference in victory or defeat will lie in the intermediate line of both teams. Comparing the two teams, both are evenly balanced and matched, but Eastern have the advantage over their opponents because they have youth, whereas, Sing Tao are composed of quite a few veterans.

There is no denying the fact that Cheong Wing-chol is way ahead of his opposite Lau Hin-hon. Of the two pairs of backs, I believe that Hau Yung-sung and Li Tin-sang are slightly steeper than Kong Sing-king and Woo Chi-cheng. Both pairs are capable of tackling and clearing, but with a steeper and more balanced trio in front of them, the result will be obvious.

In Lau Tai-chung, Hau King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen, Eastern can rest with confidence. This intermediate trio are capable of putting up resistance against the best the Colony can put up, and their robust and first time clearings will have a very telling effect on Sing Tao's forwards, who are inclined to cringe before such onslaughts. It is in this department alone, I fancy, the tide will turn in their favour.

STEADY HALVES

KWOK YING-KIE, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing will have their hands full in keeping track of Eastern's forwards, and although they do constitute a steady trio, they will be up against a very virile forward line. The danger invariably comes from the left bank, where, if Kwok Ying-kie can hold the nippy Hau Ching-lau and Tsao Chai-ting, they will have their work cut down to a great extent. They must not allow Hau Ching-lau too much rope to roam about, because with his opportunism, he is dangerous. The rest of Eastern's forward line can be depended upon to do its best.

Sing Tao's forwards will consist of Tong Kwong-sun, Tsui Ah-fai, Fung King-cheung, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tui-man. I believe if Pak-wah may be called in to take the inside left berth with Lai Shui-wing taking the other. If once this combination gets moving and into their stride, Eastern's defence will have to be on the look out, for if they manage to obtain just one goal, this will give new life into Sing Tao's attack.

Both camps are full of confidence, but as stated before, youth and a

Two Billion Francs For Sport In France

VICHY, Nov. 27.—The French Government has granted a special credit of Frs. 2,000,000,000 for the development of sporting grounds throughout France.

The credits will be used also for the purchase and fitting out of sports centres and swimming pools in all France.

Swimming will probably be made a compulsory subject in the sports curriculum of all schools.

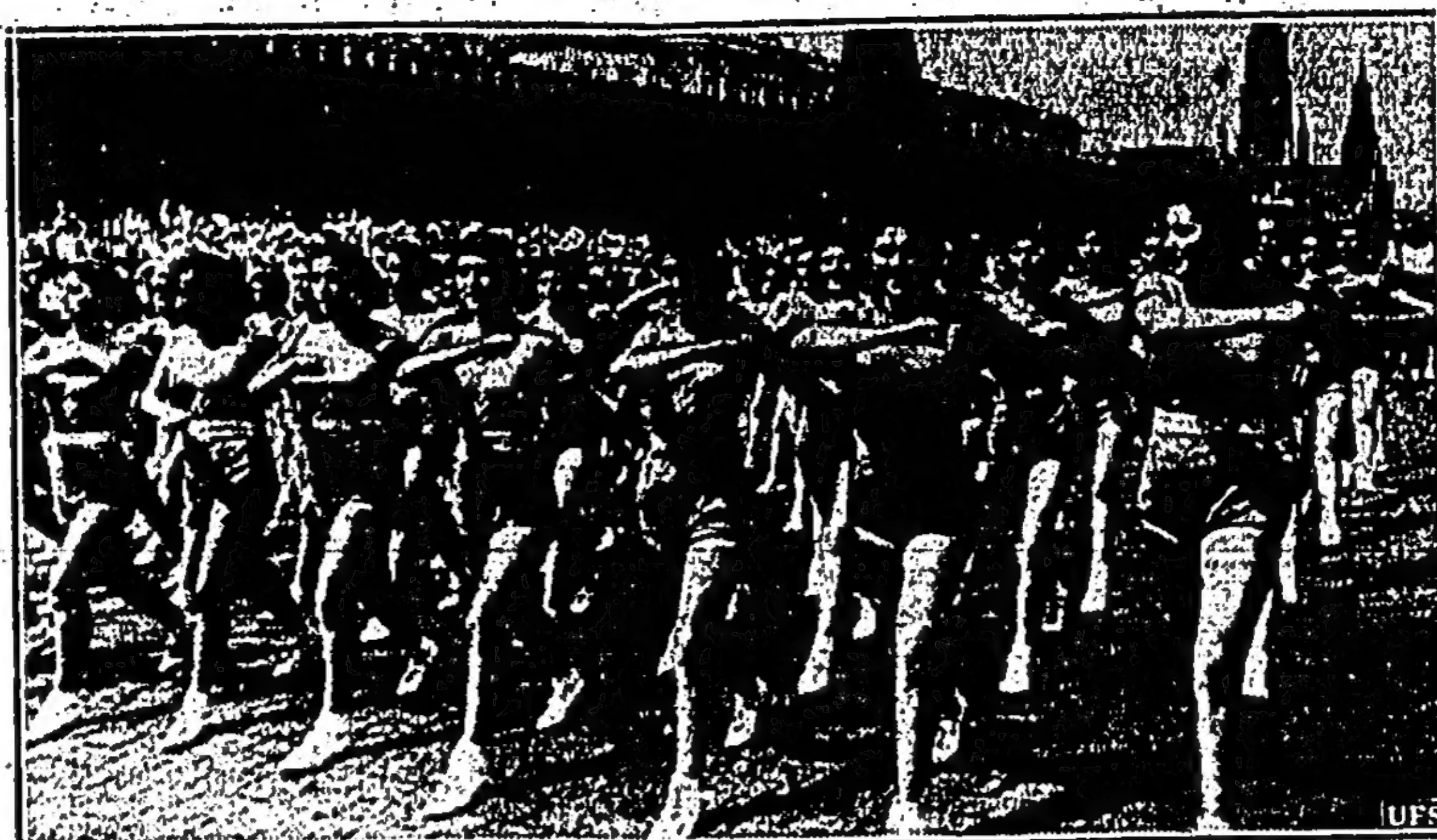
robust intermediate trio may spell victory for Eastern. All in all, a great game is expected, and plenty of thrills will be forthcoming, provided a strict control of the game is taken in hand by the officials.

Sweet Charity

Under the distinguished patronage of H. E. Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., the proceeds of the match between Kwong Wah and Hong Kong Football Club to-day at Police Football Ground, Boundary Street, will be in aid of the Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council, and an even game is expected.

Both teams have improved lately, and Club although beaten last week put up a very spirited display. Odell's display in goal was very spectacular, his anticipation at times was uncanny, and it will take more than just pot shots to beat him to-day. The Strange brothers, Skinner and Bickford were the others to shine, and if these men can repeat their last week's performance, and perhaps with the return of Ken Forrow (he was sick last week), they should be able to put up a good display.

On the other hand, Kwong Wah with an All-Chinese team can always



HUSKY GALS IN RUSSIA—These are sportswomen of Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic swinging along in sports parade through Red Square in Moscow. Young women received hearty applause of Josef Stalin and other officials. Long wall of famed Kremlin in background.

EASTERN NEGOTIATING FOR OWN GROUND

EASTERN F.C. have set their minds to having a soccer ground of their own, and to that end negotiations are under way with the Public Works Department for the acquisition of a piece of land at Causeway Bay.

The land in question is that bounded by the Tai Hang Road, the Royal Navy soccer ground and the Chinese Recreation Club.

Subscriptions raised among members of the Club have already reached some \$20,000, and it is hoped that this sum will increase to one of sufficient proportions to allow for a stadium.

be relied upon to show of their best. Witness their game last week against the highly favoured South China. If they had the same volume of luck as their opponents they would at least have shared the spoils.

In defence, Kwong Wah have a pair of strong backs in Chung Fai-lum and Leung Pak-wai, and if they can find their form, they should be a great asset to their team to-day. King Kai-pai is a great trier and stickler in the intermediate line, and he is one of those that improve with every display.

Kwong Wah's forwards are capable of great work, and if Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung pair up again, Club's right defence will have to be on their toes, for it is from this pair of versatile players that most of Kwong Wah's goals are scored. Chin Chi-fun is also a good leader.

Other Games

SOUTH CHINA will have no difficulty in obtaining both points from Royal Scots to-day. Although they just managed to scrape home by the solitary goal against Kwong Wah last week, with the inclusion of Lee Walton, South China will play inspired football. The presence of this player has always a great effect on the rest of the team.

Royal Scots appear to be in the doldrums just now. With Hosack spoiling many of their movements by carrying the ball too far by himself, they lost many opportunities of scoring last week against Kowloon. The defence will have a gruelling time to-day, and unless they can keep check on the thrustful play of Chan Tak-fai & Co., they will see a margin of at least three goals against them.

Another interesting encounter should be witnessed at the Valley where the lower placed Saints oppose Kowloon. The side is not suitable for a First Division game. The ground is small and spectators are always encroaching on the touch lines which impedes play and control of the game.

Saints will have the advantage of playing on this ground, but judging from the display given by Kowloon last week, they will also have a say in the ultimate result of the encounter.

POLICE IMPROVEMENT

ONE of the most improved teams of late is undoubtedly the Guardians of the Law. With their victory over the much-fancied Sing Tao still fresh in the minds of their supporters, their display last week against the Middlesex was nothing but inspiring. With a deficit of 3-1 they played with their backs against the wall and wiped of this deficit to match a 4-3 victory.

Howlett and Moss have improved with every game and with Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu doing yeoman service, Police should play with confidence to-morrow in their match against the Navy. The sailors are an unknown quantity. They appear to me to be always trying, yet when given the opportunities the final touches are lacking.

It is felt that is missing, and if they can muster together eleven men with understanding, they should be a force to be reckoned with.

Professional Baseball At Home

LONDON, Nov. — London had its first professional baseball league this summer. Seven teams played every week-end under 100 per cent. American rules, but in a setting 100 per cent. English.

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That, in London's view, was baseball at its best.

ARMY RUGBY FIFTEEN FOR TOURNAMENT TO-DAY

SEVERAL CHANGES have been made in the composition of the Army Rugby XV to meet Poller in the Quadrangular Tournament at Soekunpo to-day, and the team will now be:

Cpl. Barclay; L/Cpl. Picton, Sgmn. Willis, L. Coombes, Pte. McDonald; Capt. Hook, 2/Lt. Wedderburn; Cpl. Sutherland, 2/Lt. Ford, 2/Lt. Bompas, 2/Lt. Millar, 2/Lt. Eddison, 2/Lt. Pinkerton, Capt. Duke and Cpl. Gilliam.

Reserves: Gnr. Keeble and Pte. Berry.

Extraordinary Meeting Of "Y" Hockey Club

AN EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club will be held on the Ground Floor Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10.

All members are requested to be present.

HOCKEY TEAMS

The following teams will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this afternoon:

1st XI v. Police 4.15 p.m.—Bennett, Taylor and Youriff; Saxby, Jordan and Ure; Smith, McGahan, Hiltchcock, Morgan and Dunne.

2nd XI v. St. Andrew's, 3 p.m.—

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the League football fixtures for the week-end:

To-day

CHARITY MATCH
Kwong Wah v. Hongkong F. C. (Boundary Street), 4 p.m.

FIRST DIVISION

South China v. Royal Scots (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (Happy Valley), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

S. China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.
Middlesex v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.
Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Happy Valley), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

International v. R.A.F. (Happy Valley), 2.30 p.m.
35th R.A. v. Signals (Stanley), 4 p.m.
Shell v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon), 4 p.m.
R.A.M.C. v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Rd.), 2.30 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v. Sing Tao (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

R.E. v. Navy (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. 24th R.A. (Causeway Bay), 4 p.m.
30th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Soekunpo), 2.30 p.m.

War Discovers A Cricketer For England

Some time in the future—I don't pose as a prophet beyond that (writes Patsy Hendren)—we shall again have Test cricket. And we may have to thank the war for a real "discovery" for I'm fairly confident that an up-and-coming England wicketkeeper-batsman has been found by accident.

Name?—Leslie Compton. This trouble-headed brother of Denis Compton was doing grandly as a batsman before the war; he was unknown as a wicket-keeper. Indeed, he didn't even keep wicket for Middlesex second eleven. But the war called for somebody to do the work behind the stumps, and Compton filled the bill—so well that he may be a natural successor to Leslie Ames, another footballer who became a top-line wicketkeeper-batsman.

Curiously, the war has not only made Leslie Compton a wicketkeeper, it has made him a centre forward instead of a full-back. In happier times this tall, long-limbed lad would be the centre forward sensation of the season, a player right in line for an international cap.

If I am right about Leslie Compton we may be in at the beginning of a sports record. Never yet have two brothers played for England at football and cricket. The Comptons may do it, as Denis has already qualified.

The two brothers are different in temperament as well as build. Denis is carefree; Leslie is careful and quiet. Maybe Leslie is a bit too quiet at the moment to be a really successful wicketkeeper. The job calls for noise from him to time. Ask George Duckworth!

Killeen; Grant and Ralston; Smits, Gilchrist and Gorman; Macey, Highlands, Spare, Ireson and Banks.

CAPTAIN PLAYING IN AT FANLING TO-MORROW

TO-MORROW at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fanling, the annual ceremony of the playing in of the Captain—this year Mr. R. Young—will take place.

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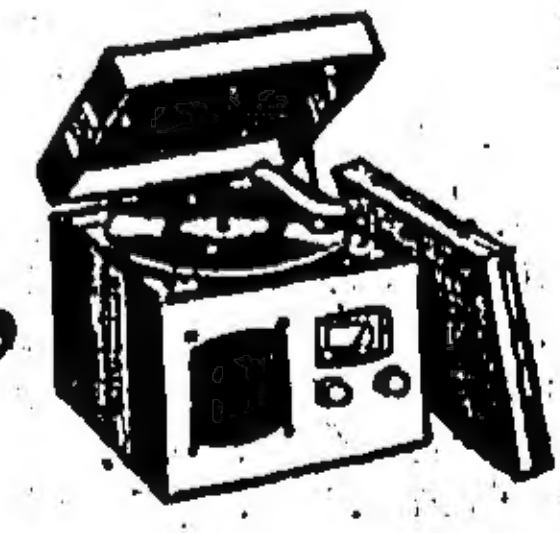
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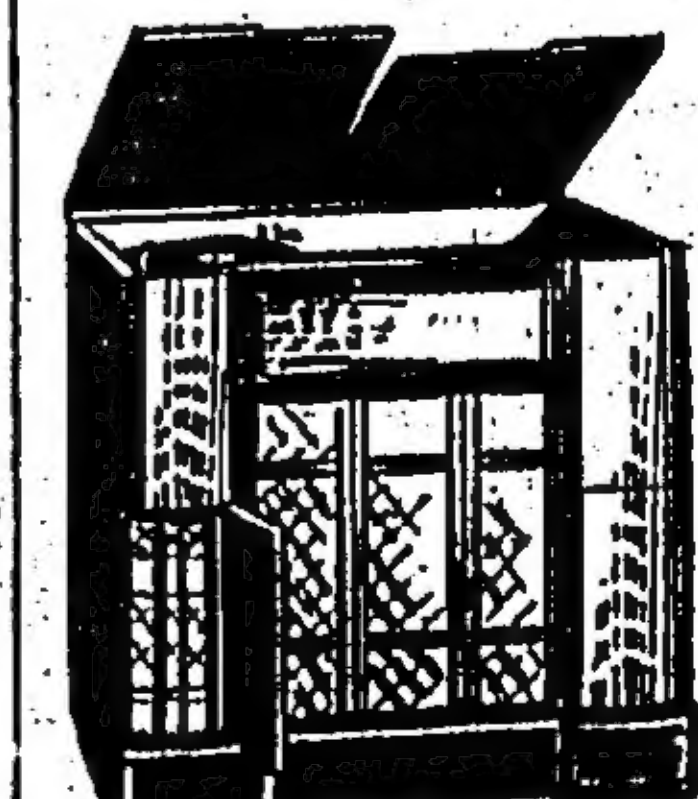
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Callous Deportation Of Western Poles

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The ruthlessness of the Germans in deporting all Poles from the western part of Poland to the central province was described in a broadcast to-night by Dr. Junosza, who was an eye-witness.

He left Poland in September. Dr. Junosza said that whole streets were taken at once, though families were often broken up. Mothers were separated from babies only a few months old. Men, women and children were herded together in goods trucks and were without food or water for a journey lasting up to five or six days.

The trucks were sealed. When the trucks were opened at their destination, often half of the people inside were found dead and the remainder suffering frostbite, for the temperature was 22 degrees below freezing point.

SINKING OF HAXBY IN PACIFIC

LOG TELLS STORY

New York, Dec. 6.

The publication in the New York Maritime Register of the log of the British freighter Haxby, commanded by Captain Arundell, describes how the Haxby sank in flames 30 minutes after a German sea raider which was disguised as a Greek merchantman opened fire on her in the South Pacific last April.

The Haxby, 5,207 tons, sailed from Greenock, Scotland, en route for Corpus Christi, Texas, with a convoy. The log says that seven days after the Haxby left the convoy a steamer flying the Greek colours crossed her bow. A moment later a Nazi ensign was unfurled, after which incendiary and high explosive shells from four concealed 6-inch guns burst from the strange vessel.

Within 30 minutes the Haxby was on fire. The lifeboats were riddled, gaping holes appearing in their sides, and 10 men were dead. The raider picked up the survivors, supplied them with clothing and toilet articles, most of which were of ersatz, and proceeded with minelaying off West Africa and off the New Zealand coast. (It is believed that one of these mines may have caused the sinking of the American vessel City of Rayville on November 8 off Victoria, Australia—the only American vessel so far lost in the war.)

The log says that the raider captured the Norwegian freighter Tropic Sea on June 18 and loaded all the

Christmas Appeal

Chinese Seamen's Families

The Superintendent of the Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen writes:

Since the Government in Great Britain took over control of shipping in February last, many of the vessels have not been able to continue the regular services to Hongkong. The men were not aware of this and did not leave half-pay to maintain their families before they sailed, and have no way to send money back home, and some of their ships have been torpedoed. On account of this there are many seamen's families with young children in great distress, having to struggle hard for their daily necessities.

The Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen, besides its annual Christmas dinner to the seamen, desires to distribute about 50 cattles of rice to each of thirty or forty families to cheer them with a meal of rice on Christmas Day, when the rich have their table furnished with many good things. We need either \$250, or ten sacks of rice for this purpose: if any firm or individual would show their sympathy with these poor and helpless folks and send either money or rice, the Mission would be grateful to receive it and acknowledge it by Mr. B. J. Tan, the Superintendent of the Mission, who will see that it is carefully distributed amongst the needy people.

All communications and gifts for the above purpose may be sent to the Headquarters, 54, Jordan Road, 1st floor, Yaumatei, Kowloon. All cheques and money orders should be crossed and made payable to the Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen, Hongkong. Old clothes and shoes would be gratefully received for distribution among the poor and needy ones.

prisoners aboard. With a prize crew the freighter started for Bordeaux, but the Germans scuttled the Tropic Sea when a British submarine appeared off Gibraltar.

The crews of the Haxby and the Tropic Sea reached London after the submarine landed them at Gibraltar. —United Press.

Canada To Watch Her Dollar Resources

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The war exchange conservation bill which has just been introduced in the Canadian House of Commons, proposes strong measures for conserving Canadian dollar resources.

Colonel Ralston, the Finance Minister, said that the further object of the bill was to demonstrate to Britain that "Her cause is our cause."

One provision of the bill forbids the importation of many types of luxury goods except from sterling area countries. A higher tax on imported automobiles will also be imposed and there will be a 25 per cent excise duty on imported radio sets and other electrical equipment.

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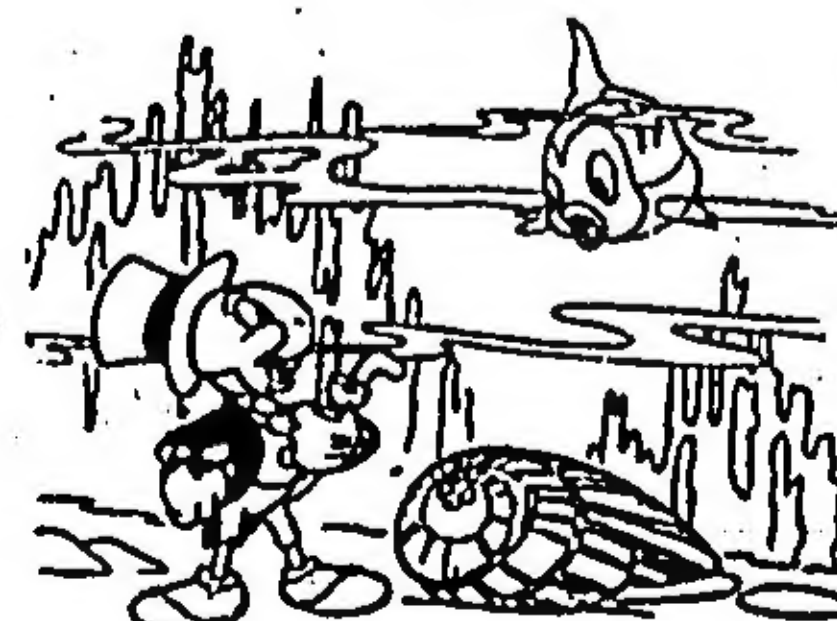
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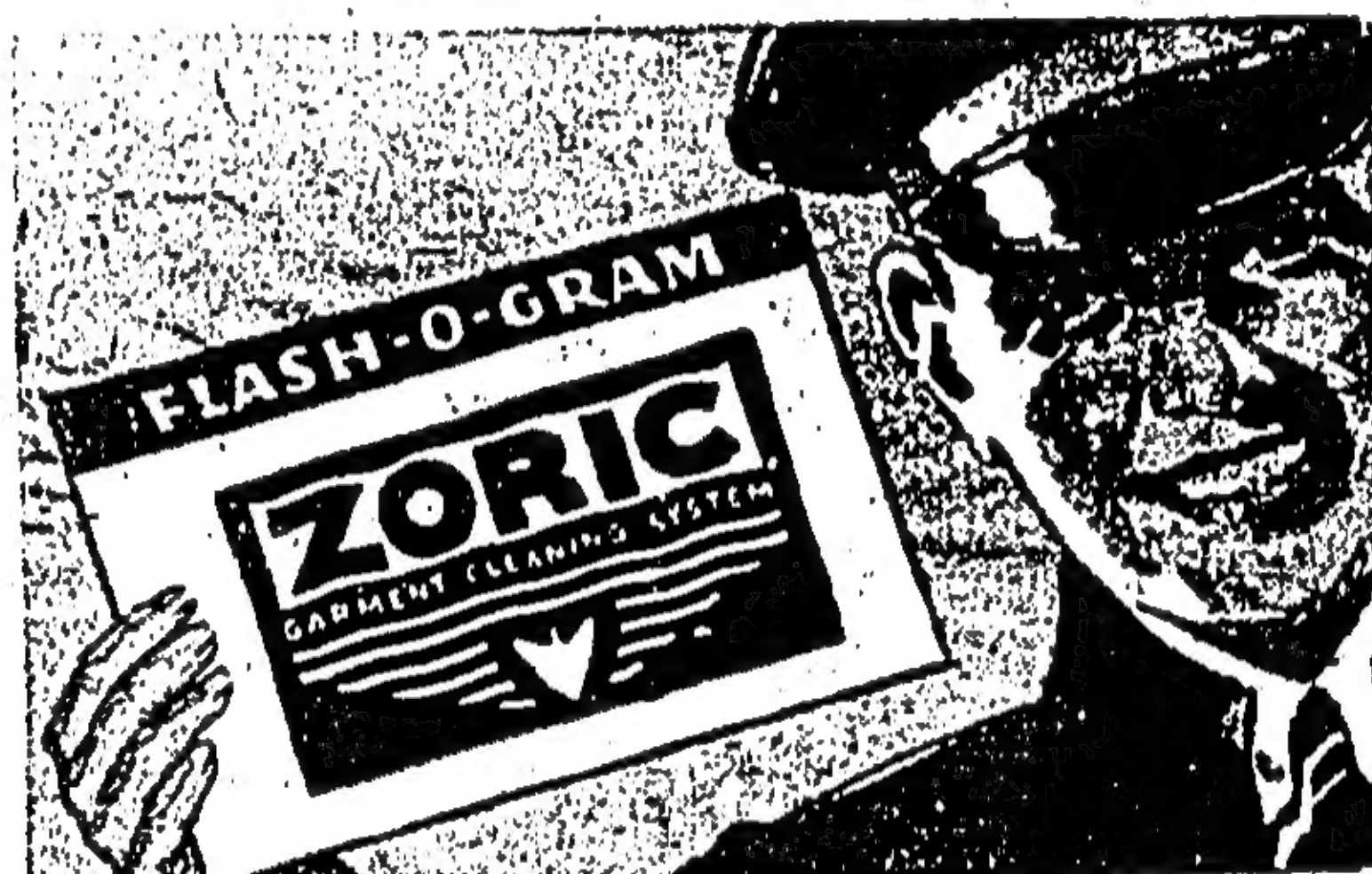
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WELCOME ASSURANCES

THE statement made yesterday by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, the Immigration Officer, goes some way towards allaying fears in connection with the manner in which the immigration department is functioning. Mr. Forrest's frankness is gratifying.

The revelation is now made that the several private bureaus and agencies which have sprung up for the purpose of offering their services to applications for certificates, are—officially—approved and encouraged. At the same time the assurance is given that in no case can any of these agencies receive preferential treatment from the immigration department. The assurance, so far as the immigration office staff is concerned, is accepted without reservation. Unhappily the public is always very gullible, and it is doubtful if an official warning through the newspapers, that claims to privileged services are fraudulent, will be sufficient to prevent unscrupulous people from indulging in a thorough-going "racket."

Experience alone will tell whether the new scheme evolved for eliminating congestion and alleged corruption at the doors of the immigration offices is capable of being successful. At least it is a genuine effort to deal with a difficult problem and deserves to realise its purpose. The more the department can eliminate third parties in this question of issuing immigration certificates, the more chance has the scheme of functioning smoothly and fairly. Government has found it necessary to effect a measure which is never likely to earn the appellation of "Popular," but it owes it the big section of the community affected—a large proportion of which is poor and illiterate—to see that every effort is made to ensure that the Government's requirements are carried out with the least inconvenience to the public, and with the least of corruption and exploitation removed. Judged by the Immigration Officer's statement, there is good reason to believe that this aim will be accomplished.

The Netherlands Government spokesman states that the report that Queen Wilhelmina is going to Lisbon and thence to New York is entirely untrue.—United Press.

U.S.-Japan War Would Be Tragedy

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Involving Japan in a war with America. In the first place, he said, the United States was already lending Britain the utmost aid of which she was capable and has promised to increase this aid as rapidly as possible. The United States, he added, has allied herself with the British war effort against the Axis Powers without finding it necessary or advisable to become a belligerent, which it would be necessary for her to do to cause the tripartite treaty to be invoked against her.

Escape Clause
In the second place, Admiral Nomura gave this interviewer the impression, although the treaty provides that the signatories "undertake to assist one another with all political, economic and military means when one of the three contracting parties is attacked by a power at present not involved in the European war or Sino-Japanese conflict," this does not necessarily bind Japan to go to war unconditionally.

The Ambassador observed that the Greco-Italian war has started since the pact was signed, yet Japan has not found it necessary to send military aid to Italy. Danger to peace in the Pacific, which Nomura stressed throughout the interview, lay in the moral and material aid the United States government was continuing to give the Chinese government at Chungking. This, he said, was deeply resented by the Japanese who consider America the chief obstacle to a "pax Japonica" extending throughout East Asia.

Admiral Nomura asked "why should the United States interfere in a war so far from her own land and attempt to rob Japan of a victory so vital to her security and prosperity?"

U.S. Interests Suffer
This interviewer, attempting to supply an authoritative answer, cited official American statements regarding American interests in China and paraphrased Nomura's comments on American businessmen in the China coast who are being ruined by conditions created there by Japan.

The explanation (or at least partial explanation) of American aid to China appears to be that Americans found their interests in that country suffered much more as a result of Japan's efforts to establish a "new order" than they did under the old order.

Replying to questions regarding restrictions Japan has imposed on third party trade in China's occupied areas, Nomura pointed out that Japan was fighting in China for her very existence and that an enemy agency so great justifies measures the army has taken in blocking certain areas as well as controlling prices, currency and trade.

He said he hoped Americans would understand that conditions which imposed hardships on them the last three years were temporary and would be rectified as soon as the emergency had passed. Replying to a question, Nomura said he did not know exactly why the lower Yangtze remained closed to all foreign shipping except Japanese despite the assurances that Nomura himself, as foreign minister, gave U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Grew on Dec. 18, 1939, that the river would be reopened as soon as circumstances permitted.

Nomura said he pressed changed circumstances necessitated re-examination of the question and had led to the decision that the time was inopportune to reopen the river.

Nomura's appointment, which was received with great satisfaction in American circles here, gave rise to reports he accepted the appointment only after he and Matsukata had devised a new formula they felt certain would alleviate the present severe strain on American-Japanese relations.

Diplomatic Discretion
If such plans exist, however, Nomura's diplomatic discretion was more than adequate to conceal it. Throughout the lengthy conversation in the "foreign room" at Admiral Nomura's residence, the Ambassador gave the impression he was undertaking a difficult mission unarmed with any new "secret weapon" of a diplomatic nature.

Nomura said he expected to sail to the United States late in December. The Tokyo "United Press" manager H. O. Thompson and I were received at the front door of the Ambassador's home by Mrs. Nomura. Removing our shoes and leaving them on the front step, we were led to the "foreign room" where Mrs. Nomura quickly exhausted her English vocabulary making us welcome.

The Ambassador, dressed in cut-away and carpet slippers joined us shortly and conversation continued until Mrs. Nomura returned three times to remind him of his next appointment.

"I have many friends in Washington," the Admiral said, bidding us farewell at the front door. "At least I did have," he added, recalling what he said were very happy years he spent as naval attaché at Washington.

Frank Conversation
My conversation with Nomura was characterized by the most complete frankness, which is typical of his forthright character and of the mental habits of a distinguished naval officer. Some of Nomura's remarks referred back to his years of active service and we recalled an incident which was of vast importance to me, which occurred the day of the great earthquake, Sept. 1, 1923. I then represented a Philadelphia newspaper as its Tokyo correspondent and the earthquake had dropped into my lap the most important story ever fallen to me to cover. Incidentally, almost dropping the roof of my house into my lap at the same time.

I had escaped injury but with interruption of cable service between Tokyo and the world, I was faced

Eight Years' Imprisonment

Vichy Sentence For French Officer

CLERMONT FERRAND, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Captain Pierre Viennot, formerly French Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was sentenced by military court to eight years' imprisonment with a stay of execution, loss of rank and 20 years' loss of civil rights for abandoning his post during war.

Since April Viennot had been attached to the French Ministry of Information and according to the indictment he went to Tours with the staff on June 10 and to Bordeaux on June 15.

He wrote to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs seeking instructions but left France on the steamer Massilia without waiting for a reply.

Palestine War Effort

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—Palestine will shortly be able to make a maximum contribution to the war effort through increased production of war supplies. It was officially announced following the return of the Palestine delegates from the recent Eastern Group Conference held at Delhi to discuss the production of war supplies in the Empire east of Suez.

PROMOTIONS IN H.K.V.D.C.

The following promotions in the H.K.V.D.C. Corps have been approved by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, with effect from November 21:

2/Lieut. J. M. M. Alves to be Lieutenant.
2/Lieut. D. J. S. Crozier to be Lieutenant.
Company Sgt. Major F. Brett to be 2/Lieutenant.
Sgt. M. G. Carruthers to be 2/Lieutenant.

The following appointments in the H.K.N.V.F. have also been approved, with effect from November 20:

To be acting Sub-Lieutenants.—A. W. D. Sallis and D. A. Winter.

APPOINTMENTS

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Captain A. C. Collinson, R.N. Commodore in charge of Naval Establishments, Hongkong, to be an additional official member of the Executive Council with effect from November 27.

Mr. Lau Yan-cheuk to be an assistant Inspector of Labour, with effect from December 2.

Mr. John Redman, to act as Government chemist during the absence on leave of Mr. V. C. Branson, with effect from December 2.

QUIT H.K.V.D.C.

The following persons have been given permission by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government to quit the Volunteer Defence Reserve:

C. E. Clarke, with effect from November 30; L. W. Watkins, with effect from the same day; G. C. Canaval and L. R. Shore with effect from December 3.

AXIS IN SPAIN

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Serrano Suner, to-day received Signor Locatelli, the Italian Ambassador, and Dr. von Stohrer, the German Ambassador, states a Madrid message.

Carnarvon Castle For Montevideo

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The action between the British armed cruiser Carnarvon Castle and the German raider took place approximately 700 miles north-east of Montevideo it is learned in London.

To Dock To-day

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The Carnarvon Castle which sustained slight damage, will dock at Montevideo to-morrow, state well-informed quarters.

Duce's Headache

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—For the past three days Mussolini has been presiding at the Palazzo Venezia over a series of conferences which have examined the food supply and industrial requirements of Italy during 1941, states the Italian news agency.

with the greater tragedy of falling to deliver the story to the paper. Then I found Admiral Nomura at the navy department, obtained his immediate whole-hearted cooperation. The only means of communication operating at that time was the navy's radio station at Choshi, to which motorcycle couriers were carrying official messages at 20-minute intervals. Nomura included my messages in the official pouch and they were broadcast by the navy station, of which at least some were picked up by the San Francisco station and forwarded to Philadelphia.

Since that memorable day, I have seen Nomura under many different circumstances, some of them exceedingly trying but never more than that in which he finds himself to-day. "I shall do my best," he said solemnly. "To fail would be to precipitate a great tragedy."

ITALIANS ROUTED

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Voyous rivers. The right column advanced to a point seven miles northeast of Preneti.

The Greeks infiltrating into the mountains to the westward of the Mokra range yesterday afternoon occupied the village of Sopot, twelve miles southeast of El Bassan which is the nearest the Greeks have been reported to El Bassan.

To Cut El Bassan Road
The Greeks are reported to be continuing their advance towards the Fusubuhait valley. Apparently the Greek force here is unimportant, but is part of the operation to reach and cut the El Bassan road at various points.

In the Moshopolis sector, the Greeks from the Opara mountains crossed, via mountain passes, between the Koshnica and Bofina mountains, 17 miles west of Moshopolis and are now slowly advancing on the village of Skimar in the Tomorica river valley, a tributary of the Devoli river.

The Greeks are now cutting across the mountains from the Devoli valley toward the Tomorica valley, apparently aiming to cut off the town of Tomorica from the north to facilitate their advance down the Devoli river towards its confluence with the Tomorica river. From Moshopolis, the Devoli river is the main route toward El Bassan from the southeast the same as the Skumbi valley is the main route from the east. It is Greek strategy to envelope El Bassan from these two directions. This becomes more apparent daily.

Albanians Executed
OCHIRID, Dec. 6 (UP).—The Italians recently executed 80 Albanians at the village of Lin in an effort to suppress sniping and acts of sabotage, according to unconfirmed reports here.

Miss Kung To Open Church Fair

It was announced this morning that Miss Rosamund Kung, daughter of Mr. H. H. Kung, will open the Christ Church Fair this afternoon. At one time it was feared that Miss Kung, who was called away to Chungking, would be unable to attend, but she has flown down from the Chinese capital especially for the purpose of opening the fair.

Money In-Circulation

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation during November are given below: Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China \$26,070,860; Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation \$200,257,220; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. \$4,389,895.

Badoglio Relieved of Command

Greek forces yesterday morning occupied the Albanian port of Santa Quaranti (Porto Edda), which the retreating Italians had left in flames in an attempt to destroy abandoned war material. In spite of this the conquering Greeks found immense stocks of useful arms and ammunition.

The capture of Santa Quaranti was the major episode of an advance that was maintained, in adverse weather conditions, along the entire front. The coastal roads from Santa Quaranti to Port Palermo are choked with retreating Italians, even as the inland roads converging on El Bassan are crowded with fleeing troops. Allied air forces are harassing the retreating forces and one column is said to have been annihilated in Southern Albania.

Rome announces that Marshal Badoglio, at his own request, has been relieved of his post as Chief of the Italian General Staff and that General Ugo Cavallero has been appointed in his stead. Rome is also the source of a doubtful report that Badoglio is dead.

LATE NEWS

Free French Official

W. Africa Expert

LONDON, Dec. 7 (Reuter).—General de Gaulle has obtained a new recruit for the Free French forces with an intimate knowledge of Colonial problems in the person of M. Richard Brunot, who was High Commissioner in the Cameroons at the time of the Franco-German armistice and immediately took steps to continue the war.

Brunot has just arrived in London and has offered his services to de Gaulle. Headquarters of Free France announced that he has been put in charge of the Colonial section, having had 36 years experience in French West Africa.

Swiss Protest

BERNE, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—The Swiss Government is sending a vigorous protest to the British Government regarding the "violation of Swiss air space" by British aeroplanes on the night of December 4, according to a statement by President of the Swiss Confederation to the Federal Council.

Nazis Training Japanese Troops

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tions with the Chungking Government and is not disposed to contemplate any step in the Far East likely to prejudice her relations with the Soviet.

The Soviet has already stated emphatically that she will continue to support Chiang Kai-shek. In other words, Germany does not intend to recognise Nanking despite the pact with Japan.

Clipper Delayed

The China Clipper has been delayed by mechanical trouble on Wake Island and is not expected to reach Hongkong until December 10. The Clipper will leave again on December 11.

H. E. the Acting Governor, Lieut. General E. F. Norton, will visit the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps at Fanning Camp, to-morrow at 12.15 p.m. and will lunch with Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., and Officers, at 1.15 p.m.

Second Section

Hongkong Telegraph

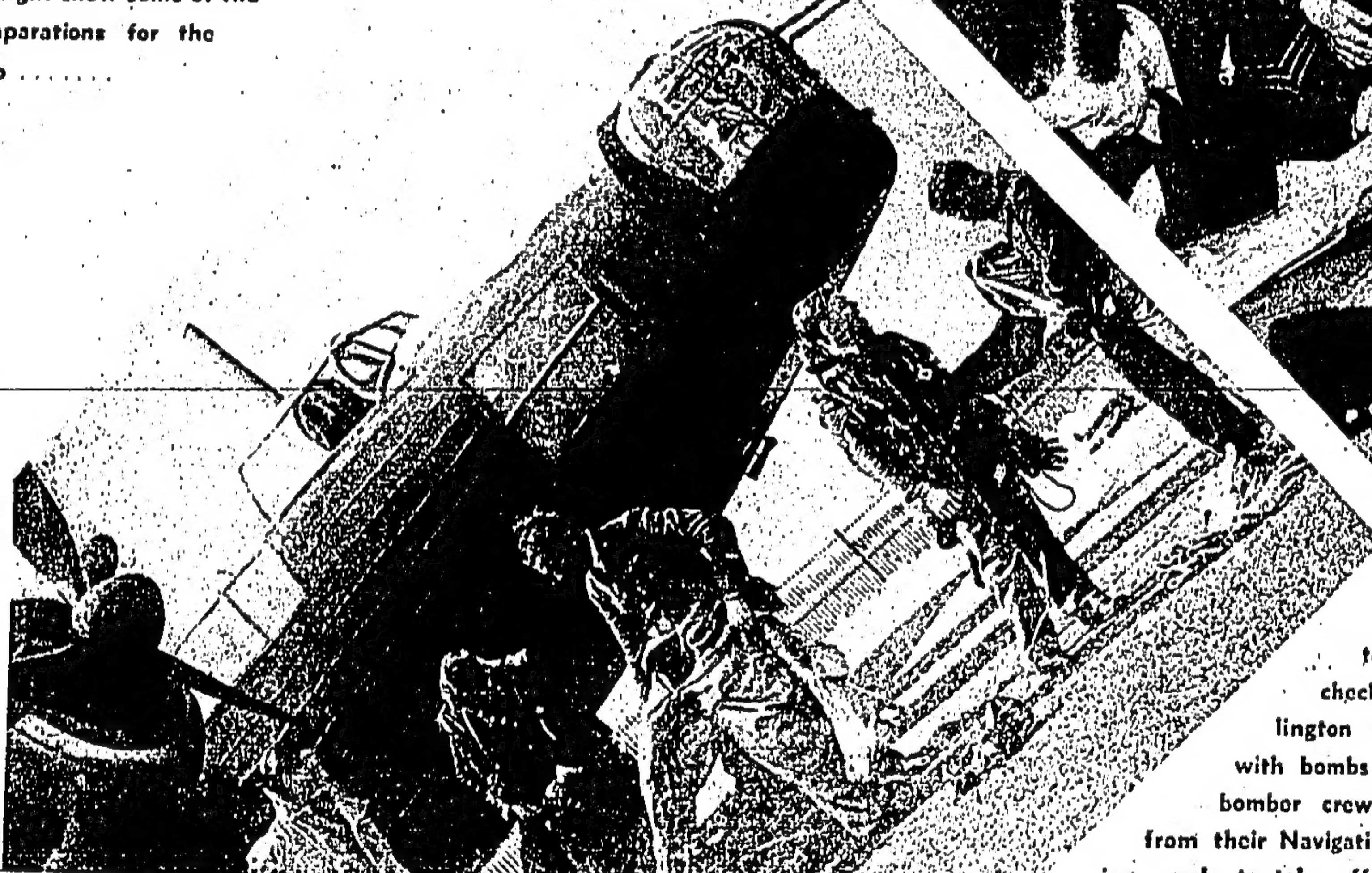
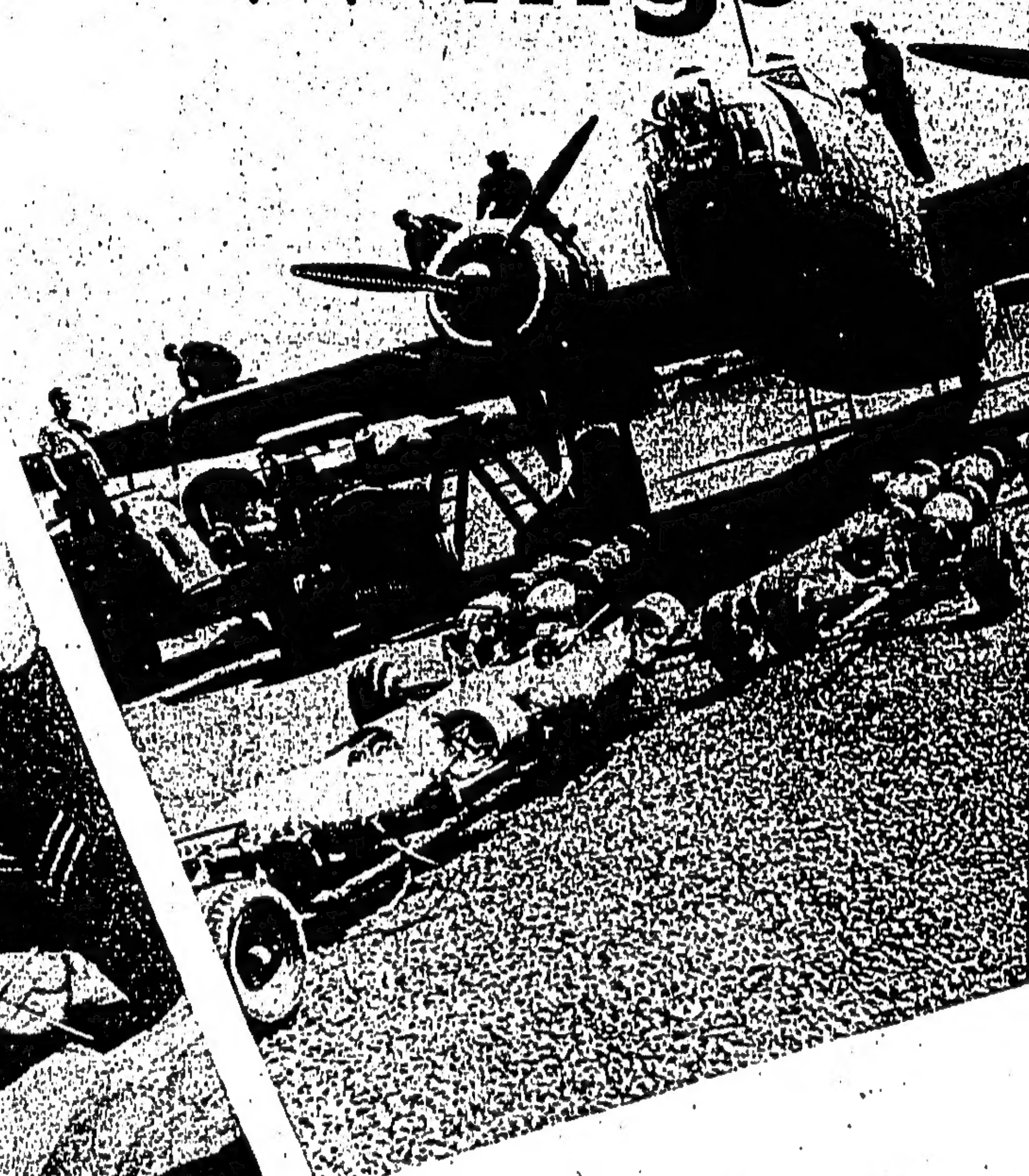
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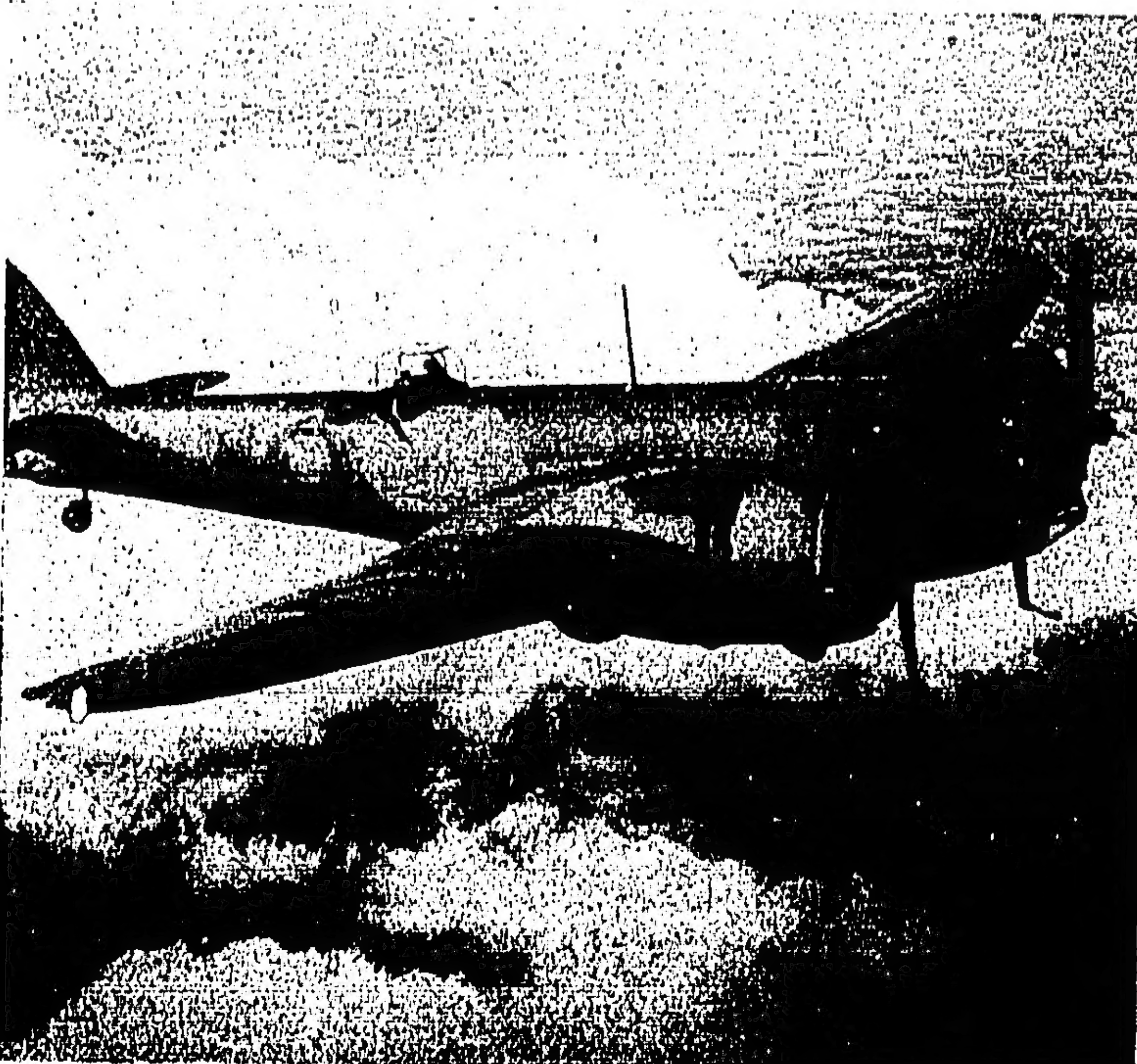
Britain's Wings



The successes of the Royal Air Force have stirred the imagination of the whole world. Above the New Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, who has done brilliant work with the Bomber Command, is seen in discussion with Staff members at an R.A.F. Station prior to a long-distance bombing expedition. Pictures at right show some of the preparations for the trip



From top right to lower left: Mechanics checking and refuelling a Wellington bomber before the flight, with bombs waiting to be loaded; the bomber crew receive final instructions from their Navigating Officer; the crew dressing, ready to take off on operations over enemy territory; a Blenheim Bomber of the squadron in flight above the clouds. At right is an observer with his machine-gun, whilst below is a happy group of airmen back from a successful flight.



Crossword Puzzle

By LANS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Series of steps
- Bridge approach
- Repeat by rote
- Superior mental endowment
- On sheltered side
- One necessary law
- Tableland
- Residence (abbr.)
- Plunder seized by violence
- Stimulation of impotence
- Printer's measure
- Holocaust
- Patric
- Kind of scale
- Proceeded with long steps
- Defied
- Hypothetical force
- French for "other"
- French native of Louisiana
- Outer garments of Roman matron
- Masculine French article
- Human race
- One of ancient Asiatic race
- Performs
- Alcoholic drink
- Dish of roasted meat
- Chinese silk fabric
- Valuable fertilizer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Wrath
- International language
- U-tack
- Narrow streak
- Exclamation
- Gift of charity
- Become acquainted
- Make sure
- Declared
- Beloved of Zoro
- Grassy surface-soll
- Stucco god of health
- Biblical city on Dead Sea
- Claw
- Now confusion of voices
- Tell
- Kind of certain trees
- Hard paint covering
- House (abbr.)
- Vessel
- Stick together
- That which flies with molasses wings
- Gods of discord
- Descendant of Mohammed's daughter and nephew
- Liver in Chile
- Health resort with mineral springs
- Yes Italian
- Person speaking

Portugal's Silent Dictator

By
David Scott

ONE of the least understood and most remarkable figures on the European stage is Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, the all-powerful but shy dictator, the unpolitical professor, the almost naively orthodox financier, the devout Catholic, the wholly unilitary leader who, on the insistence of a military junta frankly unable to cope with financial and economic problems, emerged 12 years ago from the cloisters of a provincial university to rescue Portugal from bankruptcy, finally to become the undisputed ruler of his country.

The Salazar regime is a Dictatorship frankly inspired by totalitarian principles, yet avoiding most of the features which have made militant Nazism and Fascism the scourge of Europe in our time. The rule of Salazar differs fundamentally from that of Hitler or Mussolini in its origins, its aims and methods.

Nazism and Fascism are revolutionary movements, archaic in the sense that they represent a step back from the ideal of democracy to the rule of force, but progressive in so far as they substitute the authority of the State, theoretically representing the interests of the people as a whole, for the privileges of the few.

These differences distinguish the Portuguese dictatorship from the Nazi and Fascist systems (even though it has copied some of their practical machinery) in ways which have made Salazar a benevolent autocrat where Hitler and Mussolini have become sheer tyrants. The Portuguese Dictator, though discovered and appointed by the Army, keeps strictly civilian status. He never appears in uniform, never makes truculent speeches from a balcony, never attempts to sway the crowd, never takes the salute at goose-stepping parades.

Though the Portuguese Army stands behind Salazar as the decisive factor which prevents the revival of party politics, the Salazar regime shows no trace of military truculence or dreams of conquest. There is a Salazar militia for which little boys from the age of eight receive their first training, complete with green shirts, brown uniforms and high boots, but these bodies are inconspicuous and show none of the aggressive spirit of the Ballia, the Hitler Jugend, the Blackshirts and the S.A. and S.S.



SALAZAR

Portugal is, indeed, a police State to-day, with some of the features that repel the political and "international" have discretionary powers. The streets and cafes of its towns swarm with plain-clothes policemen on the look-out for anything that can be called "subversive." The zeal of Salazar's underlings sometimes exceeds his intentions and doubt embarrasses him as it embarrasses well-meaning Dictators world-over; but the man himself remains apparently indifferent to personal power as he seems indifferent to most worldly things. He works in the background, controlling his administrative network so inconspicuously that not one Portuguese in ten has ever seen him or has any clear notion of his character.

And what a strange, what an inscrutable figure is this man who, while holding the destinies of a nation in his hands, has never abandoned the habits of a student and habitually leads the life of a recluse. Indifferent to women, in a community which still cherishes the family as its social nucleus, he has not married; yet he loves children enough to have adopted a small girl as his daughter. Controlling the finances of his country with a skill that has converted Portugal in ten years from a bankrupt State, asking the League of Nations for assistance, into a moderately prosperous, fully solvent economic unit, he cares nothing for riches and lives on a salary (fixed by himself) of £1,000 a year.

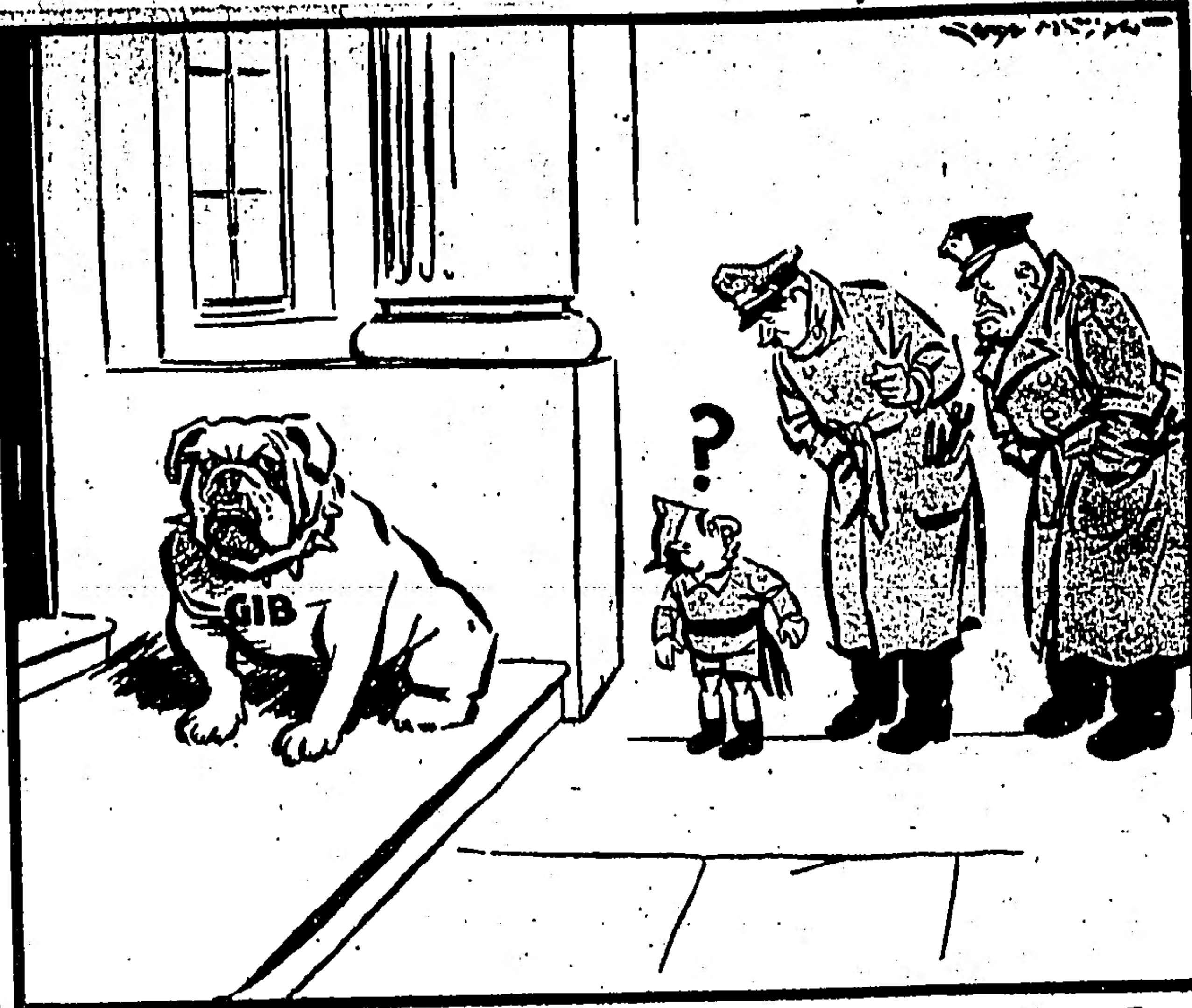
Contemptuous of eloquence, Salazar hardly ever makes a speech; the rostrum and the microphone are not for him. Shunning outward display as he shuns all the stock forms of publicity, he is rarely seen in public; yet he has his vanity and is said to dislike a touch of ridicule more than the most violent criticism. Hiding himself with almost morbid reticence from the crowd, he avoids public functions and appears even at the more intimate official ceremonies only after long persuasion by the collaborators.

His greatest pride is in his peasant origin; his favourite relaxation is to spend a few days quietly in the cottage at Santa Comba Dao, where he was born. Aged 51, he looks forward without enthusiasm but with an ascetic's sense of duty to a long, patient career of public service whose crown shall be a Portugal rebuilt, bit by bit and with careful slowness, from the best features of its past. Already he has purged the country's administration, reformed its finances, restored the Church (for good or ill) to something of its old influence. Some day he may make an end of illiteracy among the people, or ensure that every Portuguese worker gets a proper living wage.

Whatever he does, he will remain a man of mystery: half saint, half statesman; a silent Dictator; a modern "Mao" who, shunned by the limelight, is the end.

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KEY TO THE SPANISH RIDDLE

By W. N. EWER

IS Spain going to join the Axis Powers and declare war on us? I do not think so. But it might.

There is another possibility. Suppose the effect of that internal pose that the German Ambassador struggle, of the perpetual intrigue of were to say to General Franco something like this:—

"The Leader, Your Excellency, quite understands Spain's desire for ther to increase and accentuate the quite non-belligerency. But he fears that the malcontent Churchill is not going to respect it."

And so Spain, instead of rising, slowly and painfully, from the wreckage of the Civil War, has gone, if anything, from bad to worse.

The impact of the greater war on Spanish economy has, in itself, been serious: ten times more serious in effect on an already enfeebled organism.

So that there are close observers of the situation who predict that whatever policy she may now adopt, Spain is on the brink of major economic catastrophe.

Clearly, such a country is in no condition to wage war.

General Franco knows that quite well; and I see no reason to doubt that he is very strongly opposed to any rash policy.

The Army is opposed, the Church is opposed. That the vast mass of war-exhausted people is opposed goes without saying.

But there are always the Phalangists, completely subservient to German influence.

They might, with German aid, stage a coup d'etat, oust Franco and his generals, and open fire on Gibraltars which would probably be the last blow.

Looks Simple

But, of course that is one of those operations which look so simple on a small-scale map, but which are exceeding difficult and costly.

Militarily, any contribution which Spain could make to the Axis war-effort would be negligible: geographically she might be a considerable nuisance to us; but to her herself either to join the Axis in war or to open her territory to their armies would probably be the last blow.

It Creaks!

The whole machinery of government creaks.

There is no cohesion and no co-operation. The Republicans are beaten and submit. The hand of the State is heavy. But submission is sullen.

The national minorities—Basques and Catalans—are more bitter in their hatred of Spanish domination than ever before. With them, too, the spirit of revolt is repressed; but it is not quenched.

So much of the energy of government has to go into repression, into guarding the regime against these opposition, that there is little enough left for the work that is so badly wanted.

And as if all that were not enough, there are the deep and wide dissensions in the governing group itself.

Francisco's revolution (counter-revolution if you will) was a double one, run by two utterly discordant sections which were united only by a common hatred of "Bolshevism."

On the one hand were the men of the old order—the monarchists, the aristocracy, the generals, the clerics.

Rival Sections

On the other were the Phalangists—eaten by admiration for Nazi and Fascist theory and practice. Believers also in authority, but detesting the Church and the old Army of the old nobility; denouncing "capitalistic plutocracy"; boasting of their "revolutionary" fervour; wanting not the old order, but a new order which would give all power and profit to themselves.

Francisco has so far managed to hold these two sections together, to prevent them from open quarrel which might bring a second and catastrophic civil war.

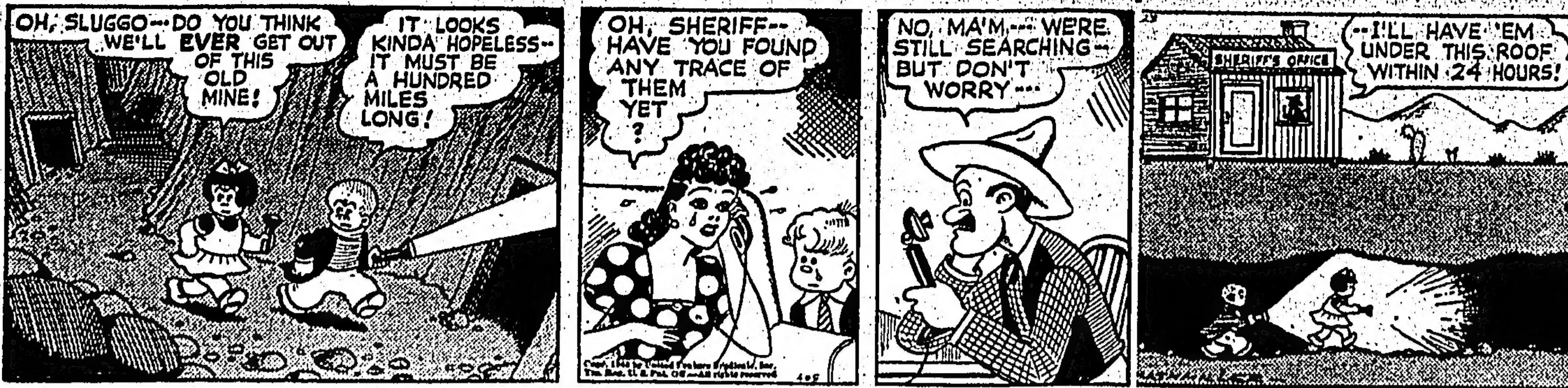


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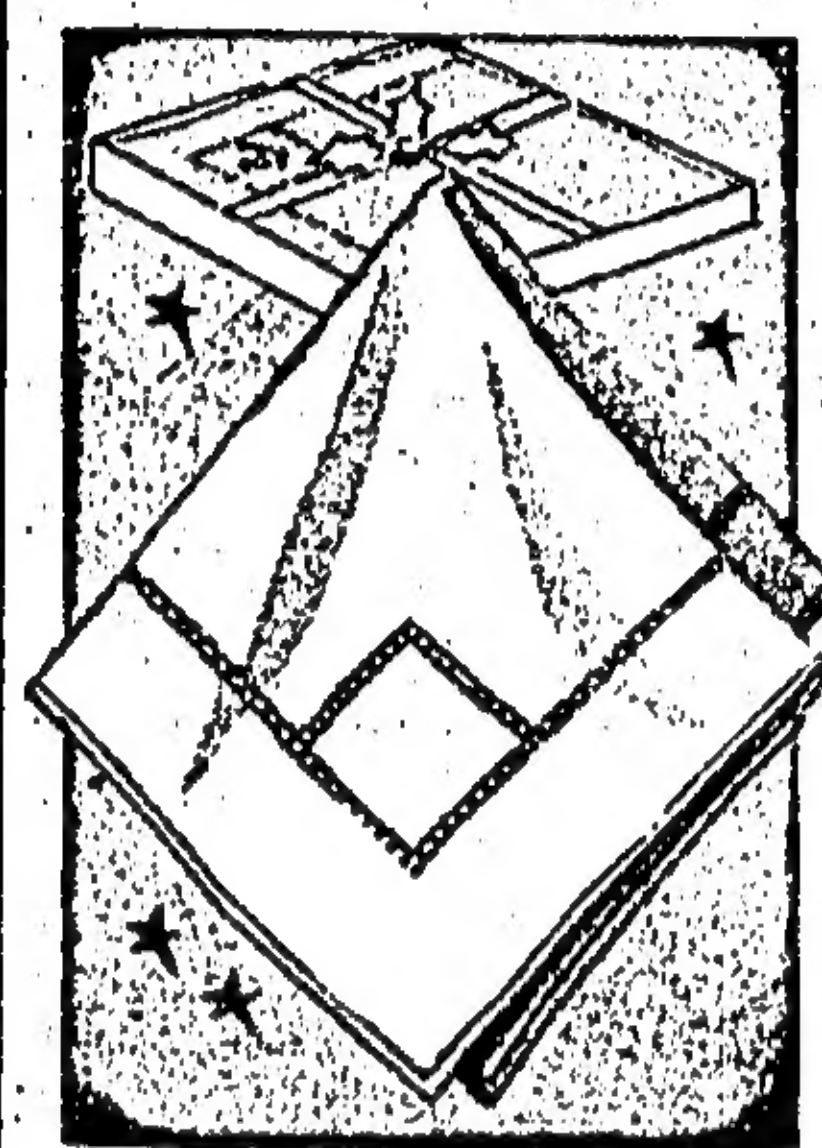


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TWO years ago, when California was already wearing trousers 80 per cent. of the time, I was considered slightly mad when I said that within ten years most women would be wearing trousers to work. Early this spring, while visiting 14 middle-western cities, I did a small survey on women's trousers.

Heartily as I believe that women will wear them more and more, I was amazed at the reactions of the buyers in sports departments. With few exceptions—and those where you found an older woman buyer—they agreed with me that some day the majority of city women would wear trousers for work.

Housewives, I was told, have an increasing tendency to clean in trousers. On the outskirts of town they then go out shopping in them.

In New York one sees plenty of women in slacks at the Fair—and just to get your mind working, imagine how impossible that would have seemed in 1925. One sees slacks suits in the park, and if you want to take a look around uptown on a bright autumn day you will find a couple of "chic" women in trousers walking their dogs.

Of course, you can find chic slacks suits at Palm Beach—but I do not think it will prove to be of the least importance whether the "fashion leaders" take up trousers or not. This is a mass movement, and about as easy to stop as the wind.

WEARING the shirt outside has served to cover up a multitude of anatomical sins, since trousers for women are certainly not yet cut right except for the very finest female figure. There are more and better ways of cutting them, and they will be discovered. In any case, men have been wearing their coats outside and hiding their hips and stomachs for some years now.

I believe that this present war will hasten women's trousers on to millions. If the trend were not already so widespread, I'd say perhaps we'd have to wait until after the war—as women waited until after the last war to really get their corsets and petticoats off.

The back-to-the-home movement for women, fostered by Hitler in Germany and by a certain number of people in America, is not conducive to radical changes in women's clothes. There is an apparent desire on the part of a number of women to go back to mid-Victorian days.

However, I think that stark reality will win the trousers-for-women war. Many women who work at home wear trousers now. If it is more efficient, it is unlikely that the National Defence Programme will pass any law against it.

It is quite immaterial to me whether most women wear trousers or not—so long as nobody stops me from wearing them when I feel like it. I know a lot of women who wouldn't dream of wearing trousers. I hope they are never forced to do so against their better judgment. If Mr. Hitler starts after me in my trousers, I'll be glad to go into the first line trenches with a gun.

ELIZABETH HAWES, a noted American dress-designer and author of that amusing book, "Fashion Is Spinach," writes about the trend towards trouser-modes for women. "I believe that within the next decade the majority of American women will wear trousers for everything except glamour," she writes in "P.M.," a recently established New York daily, and her other arguments in favour are also reprinted here.

THERE seems to me to be only one thing that could possibly stop the steady progress of women's trousers. Hitler hates trousers for women, and has said he would see to it that any woman wearing trousers in any country he controlled would be put into the front line trenches.

I am sure there are a small number of people who agree with Hitler in this—as in other things. My conclusion is that nothing short of Hitler could stop women from wearing trousers here. The movement has already gone too far.

Trousers for women came in during the late twenties, first as ski pants and shorts for active sports. Soon after that along came the beach pyjama. In the last ten years a large number of women have become so fond of trousers that they scarcely wear anything else except for evening.

CALIFORNIA is the native American habitat of women's trousers. Maybe it's partly because the population still feels a pioneering spirit. Maybe, it's partly because the movies have had a tendency to keep everything rather new and experimental. Certainly it is because life is casual and lends itself to sports. There is no woman alive who doesn't prefer trousers for active sports.

Once a woman discovers the comfort of trousers she naturally likes them for anything but glamorous evening, soft lights, and soft conversation.

Trousers may not be more beautiful than skirts. They may not be cooler than skirts—but what man would trade his trousers for a skirt? Skirts blow around. They tangle between

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Every artist knows that a strong shadow can be used to make a subject stand away from a background. The shadow gives an effect of depth or "third dimension," even though the picture is actually on a flat sheet of canvas or paper.

Shadows, when used properly, also give an effect of roundness or "modeling" to a subject. By placing a light at the proper angle, often a rather flat subject can be made to seem well-rounded. If the subjects in some of your pictures seem flat and lacking in "third dimension," maybe you just haven't been placing your photo lights in the best positions.

There's a special use, too, for shadows cast on a background. Sometimes they can be made to bring out the idea or "story" of a picture. For example, in the statuette shot above, the shadow shows the action clearly—more clearly than the subjects themselves.

To obtain a sharp, clean-cut shadow on a background, use a photo bulb without a reflector. Two photo bulbs side by side, without reflectors, will give a double shadow. Many novel effects can be worked out. However, you must remember that a reflector multiplies the light from a photo bulb. Therefore, when you omit the reflector, exposure must be increased. Short "time" exposures will usually be needed with inexpensive cameras. Try one to two seconds, with a box camera and high speed film, when a small No. 1 photo bulb is used five or six feet from the subject. Of course, have the camera on a firm support.

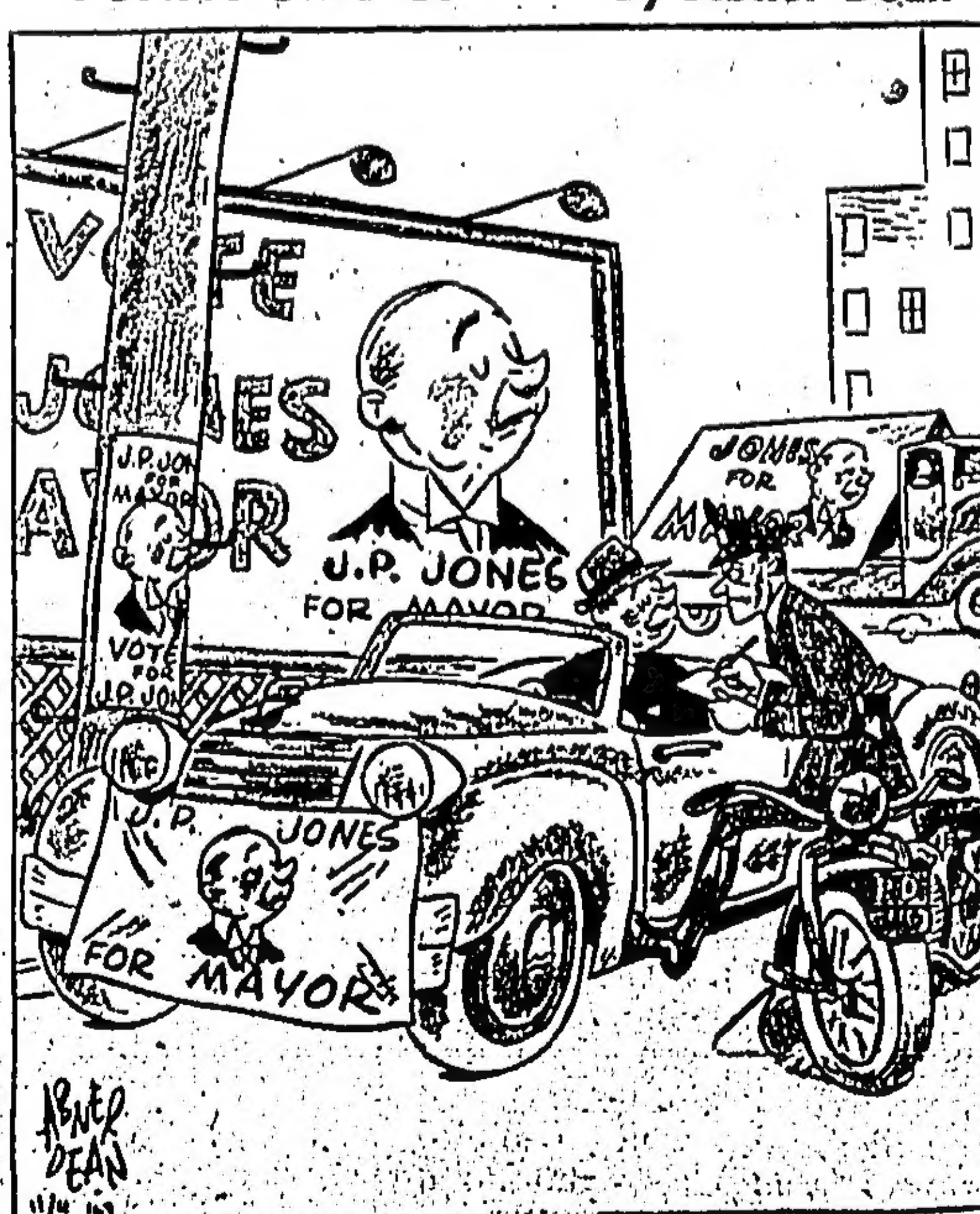
The closer the photo bulb is to the camera, the "flatter" the lighting. As the bulb is moved around toward the side of the subject, the lighting becomes more contrasty and shadows are broader. When using "side lighting," make sure that direct light doesn't shine into the camera lens.

Experiment with shadows. It's interesting—and it will lead you to better pictures.

John van Guilder

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"I guess you don't know who I am!"

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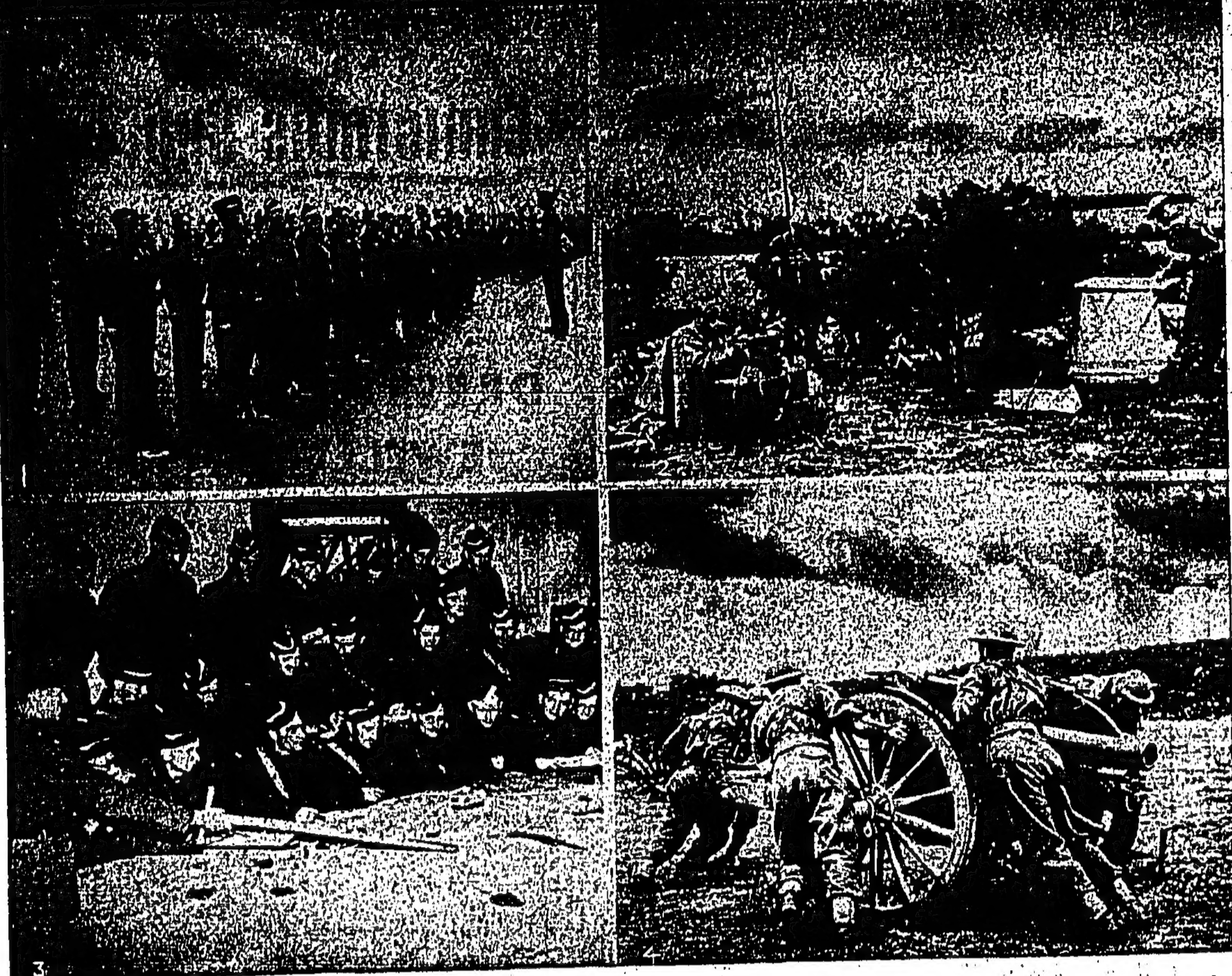
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How Serious Are Those Nazi Losses?

By Air Commodore L.E.O. Charlton

THERE is no easing-up in the air war over Britain, in spite of odd spells of comparative calm. The numbers of planes brought down each day have reached a high level, and this is being maintained.

I hear more and more people asking each other how long "he" can keep it up.

I presume they mean Hitler. But what are the true facts about these daily losses—the losses to both sides? It is as well to study the figures now, calmly, necessarily pessimistically, but sensibly.

Hitler has also inflicted on us a certain loss.

Method In His Madness

Against this we have inflicted on the Nazi Air Force losses out of all proportion to our own, it appears, while our repeated night flights over Germany and elsewhere are hampering his concentrations and reducing the German war potential.

Hitler is slowly using up his numerical superiority, and to the ordinary observer his plan seems of purposelessness.

But on closer scrutiny there is method in his seeming madness.

The waves of Nazi air attack are composed of fighters and bombers. We engage our

fighter force exclusively to meet and overcome each succeeding onrush.

When the day's results are computed ours is a mixed bag, while the enemy need reckon only fighters.

The Final Reckoning

The effect, therefore, in the aggregate, is that the enemy takes toll of our fighter force alone, while we diminish his strength by destroying bombers as well as fighters.

Thus his total loss is spread over both types of aircraft, and in the final reckoning it may be that he is losing not many more fighters than we are.

In a recent week, for instance, we destroyed 293 enemy machines for a loss to ourselves of 113 fighters.

But of the enemy total it is probable, on close analysis, that 165 were bombers, leaving 128 fighters to balance against our own 113.

If the week's operation be regarded as a battle apart of fighter versus fighter, then we cannot claim a decisive victory if it be borne in mind that we have not yet reached parity with the enemy in the air.

Our Fighter Strength

It may be argued that bombers are as good as fighters in the total bag. But it is not so, for if our fighter strength became seriously diminished our country would largely lie at the mercy of the Nazi bombers, of which there are such large numbers that the present loss can be faced with equanimity.

A true reading of the present phase of operations, then, might read like this:

Our fighter force is well holding its own, though not much more. If we can continue to withstand the impact of the waves of attack—and on this point we need not feel despondent—then the future is good.

For we are at the point of parity, and the next step will be superiority.

Once that is attained we shall be beating back the enemy in the air, with overwhelming loss and preparing, in our turn, that offensive which will be the decisive phase of the war.

In peace-time it takes two years to train a British Army officer, but to-day so intensive is the course that it is compressed into five months. At one school in the Southern Command, where artillery officers are trained, fully trained officers are sent into the Army every fortnight.

A would-be officer to-day must first go through a period of service in the ranks unless he possesses a high school Officers' Training Corps certificate. He must also be selected for training by his commanding officer. Keenness and efficiency are the sole steps to a commission. There are schools for infantry, artillery and mechanised units, but the Royal Air Force and Royal Engineers have their own specialised methods of training.

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Smartness on parade is insisted upon, and cadets, obeying the command "Eyes right—Dress", are seen in picture (1). The usual physical and rifle drill are not neglected and a high degree of discipline is demanded. A well camouflaged troop Command Post is depicted in picture (2).

Landscape models in sand are used as an introduction to operation training, and in picture (3) an officer is pointing out battery positions to his class of cadets. At this training school the cadets learn to man heavy guns and they are shown in picture (4) hauling a 4.5 howitzer into position.

Off duty the cadets dine in their own messes and they soon learn the customary officers' mess discipline under the guidance of a senior serving officer who sits at the head of the table. At the end of the five months' course the cadet learns whether he is to be gazetted; and if successful he is granted fourteen days "kit" leave before being posted to a unit.

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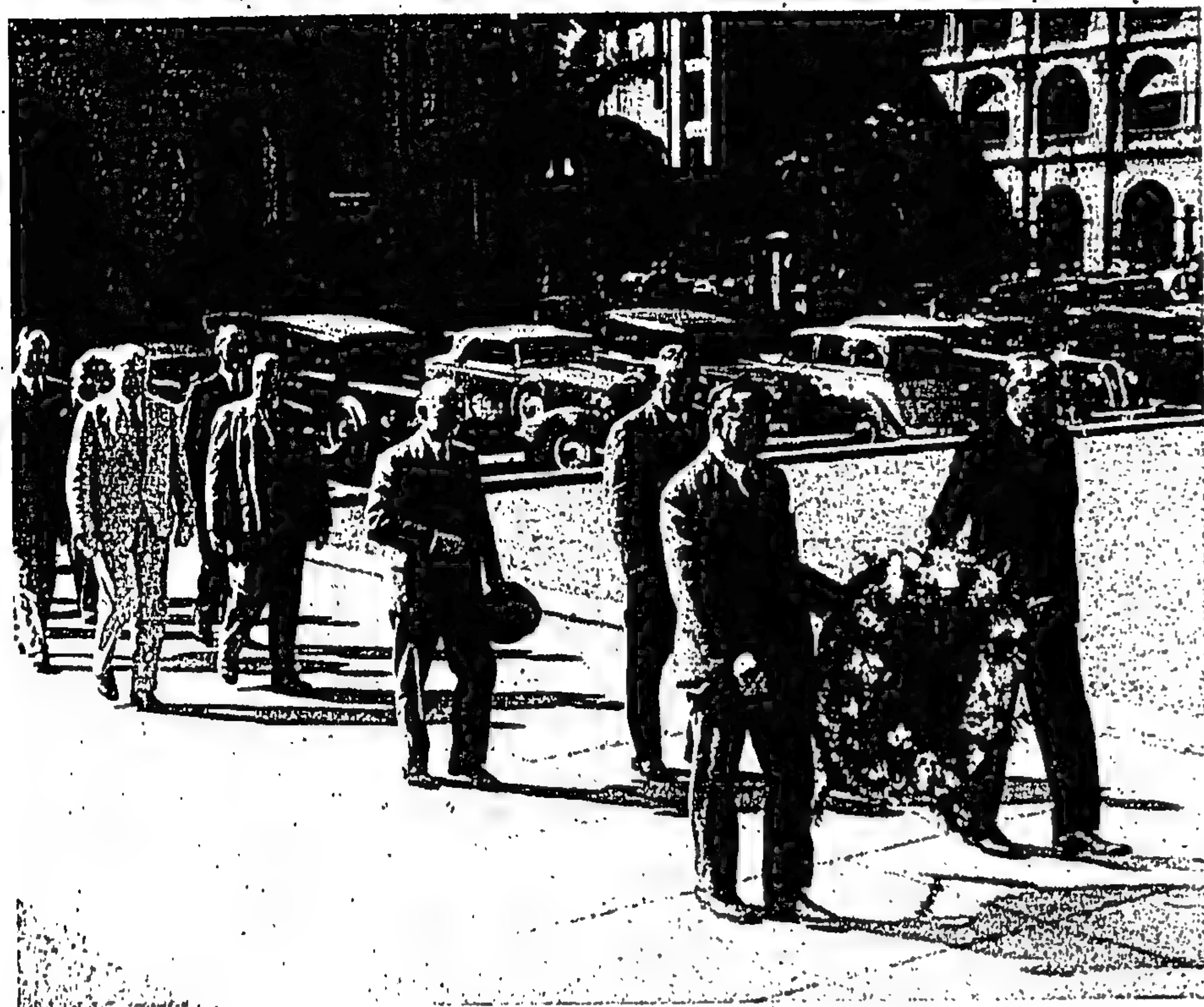
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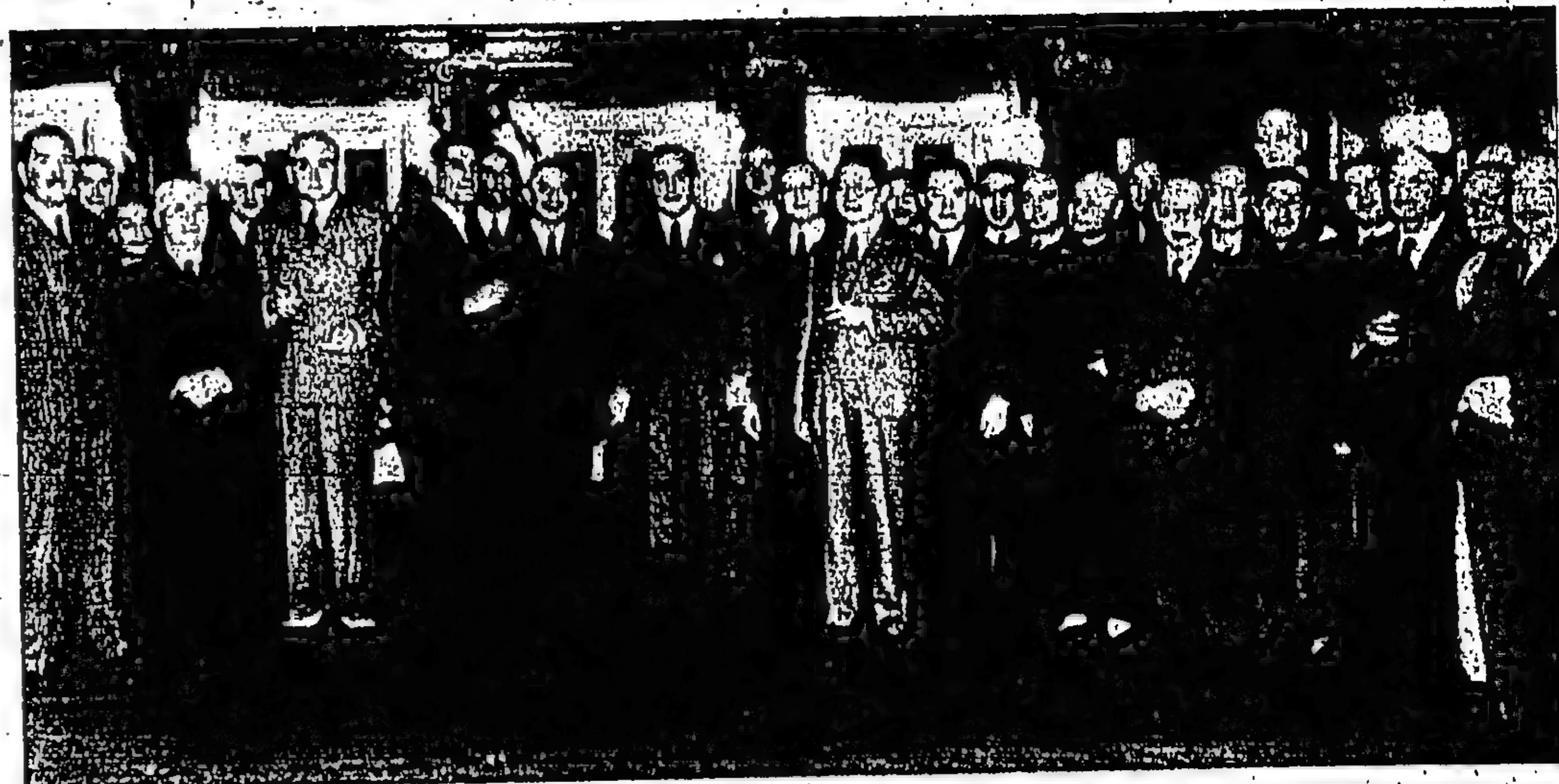
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Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, was entertained at the Hongkong Hotel recently by the Chinese Members of Councils. His Excellency is seen above (tenth from left) with the Hon. Sir Robert Kotowall on his right, and on his left the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan and Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam. At right, he is seen conversing with Mr. Peter H. Sin and Mr. Addison Southard, United States Consul-General. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



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Photo shows the White Elephant Stall at the Fun Fair held last Saturday in the grounds of St. Andrew's Church. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



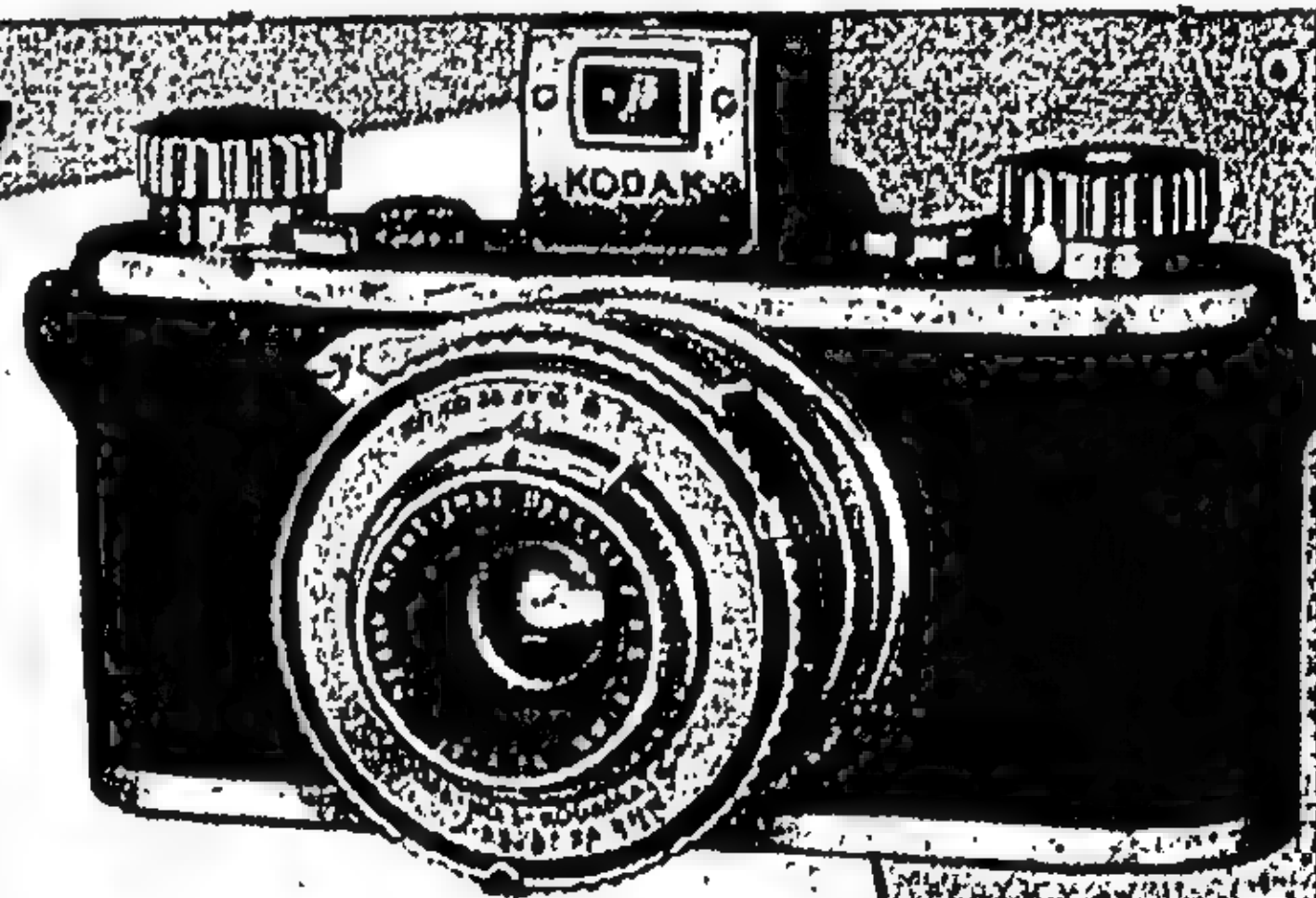
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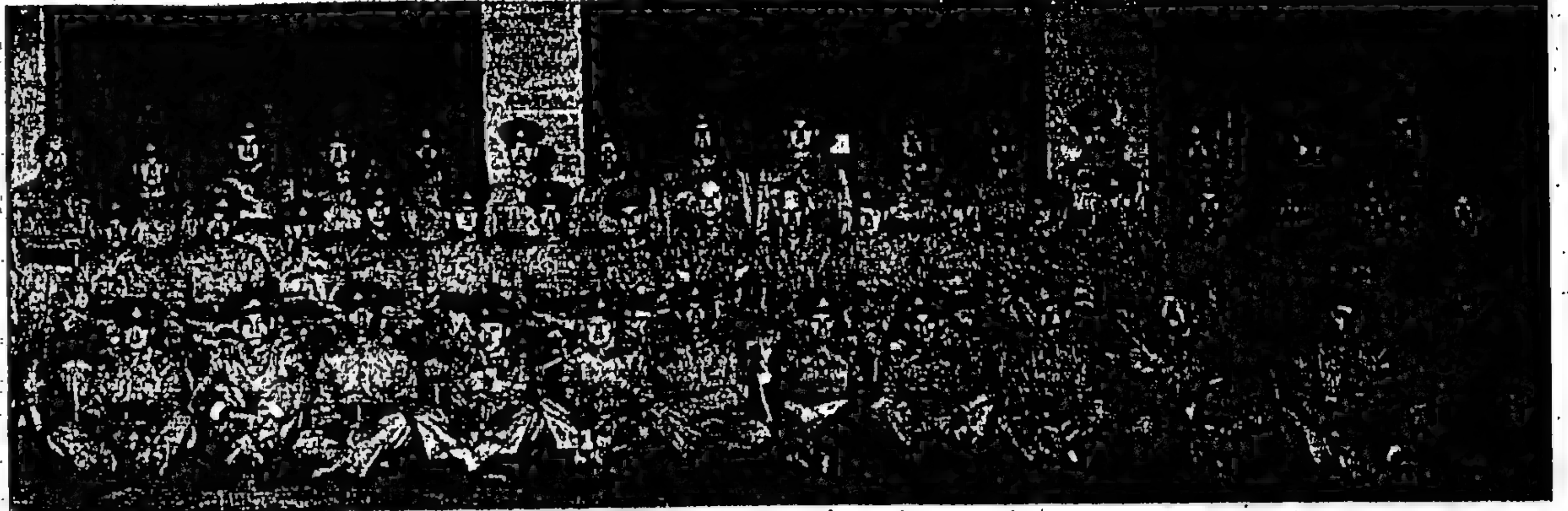
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The Special Guard Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps photographed at Headquarters recently.
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Mr. Young Yu-fai, and his bride, formerly Miss Esther Sybil Lyon, photographed after their wedding last week at St. Andrew's Church. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

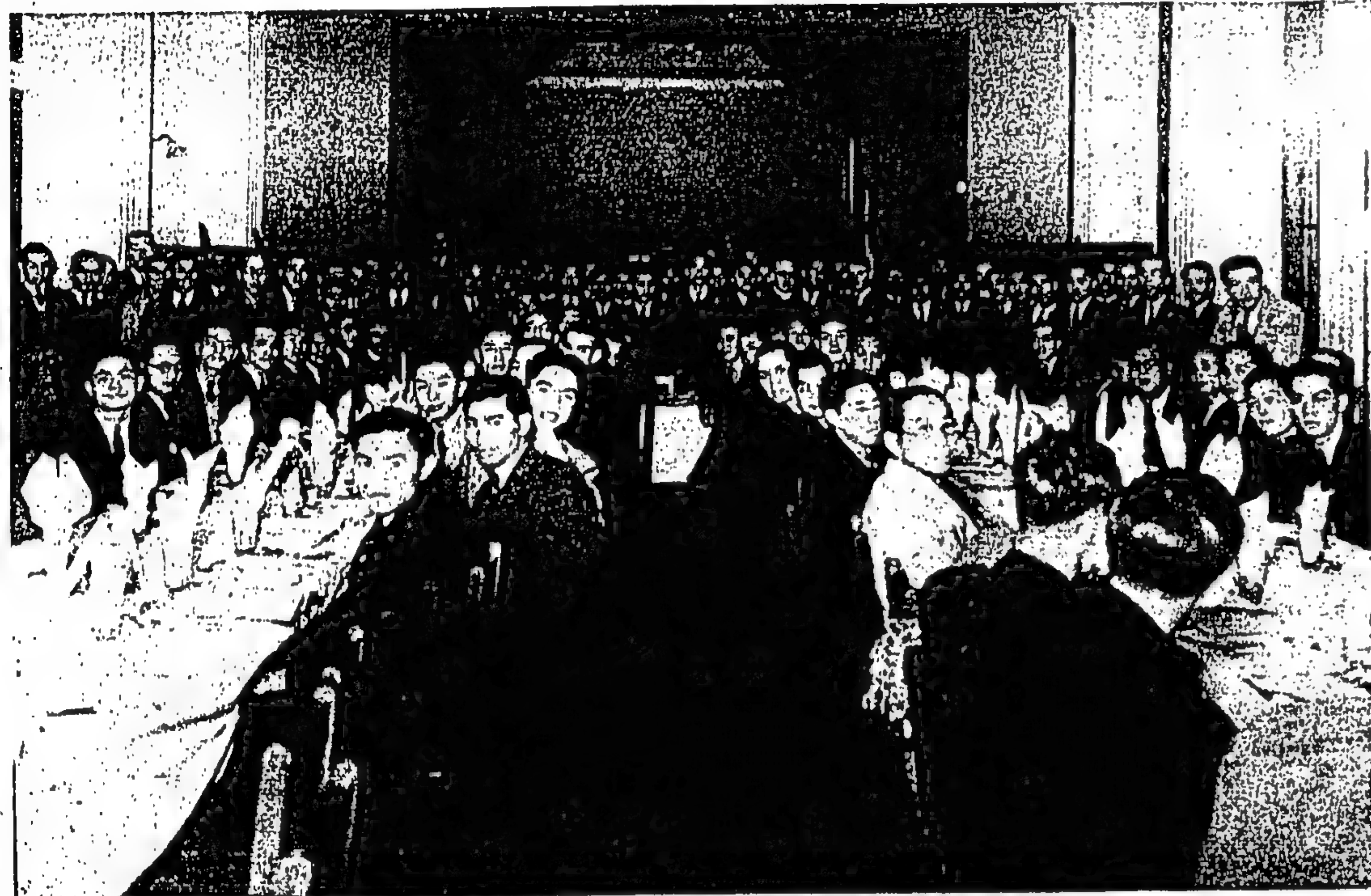
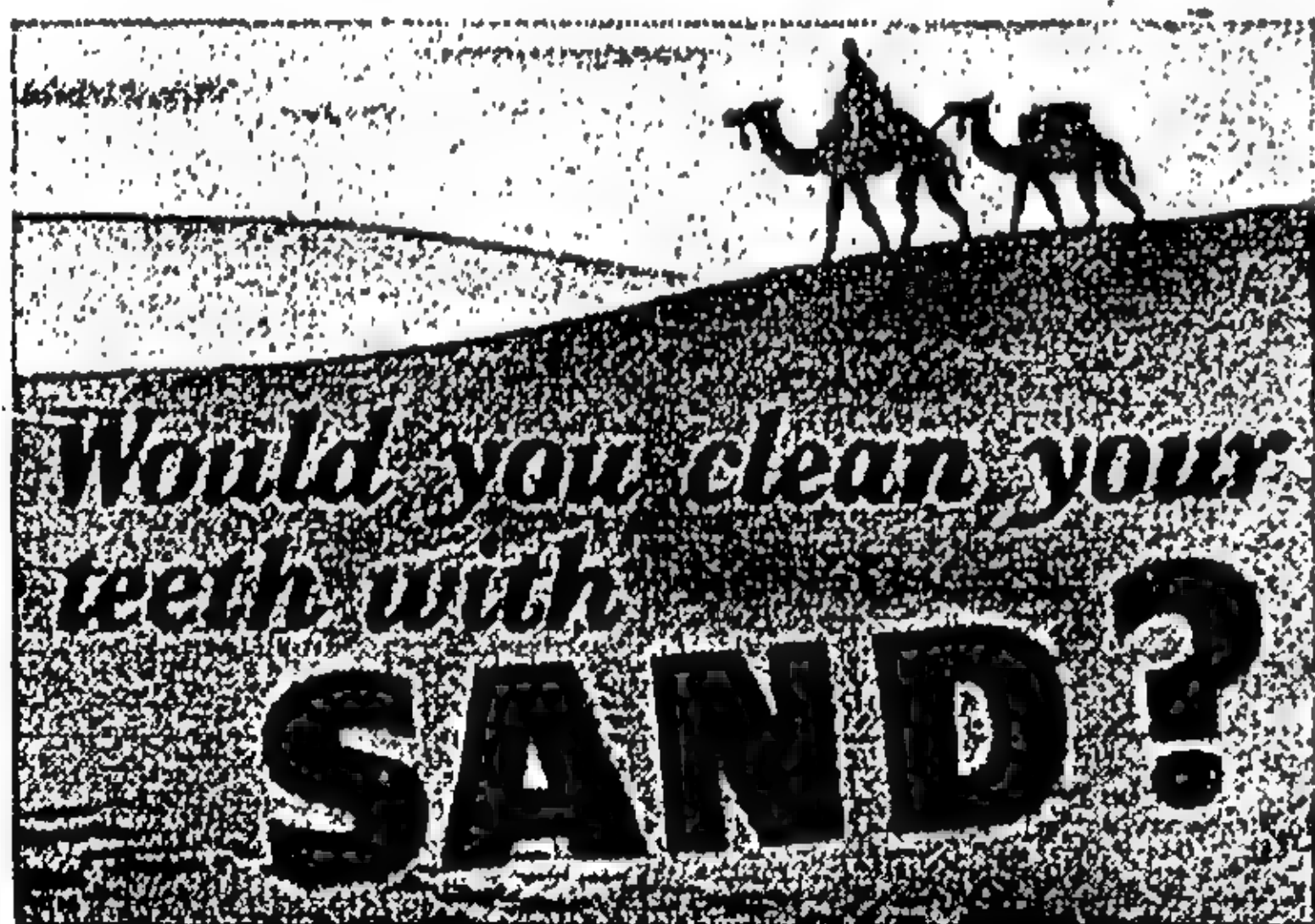


Photo taken at the annual dinner of the Wah Yan College Old Boys' Association, which was held last Saturday. (Photo: Moo Cheung).

Group photograph taken at St. Andrew's Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr. Victor Kong and Miss Sylvia Long.
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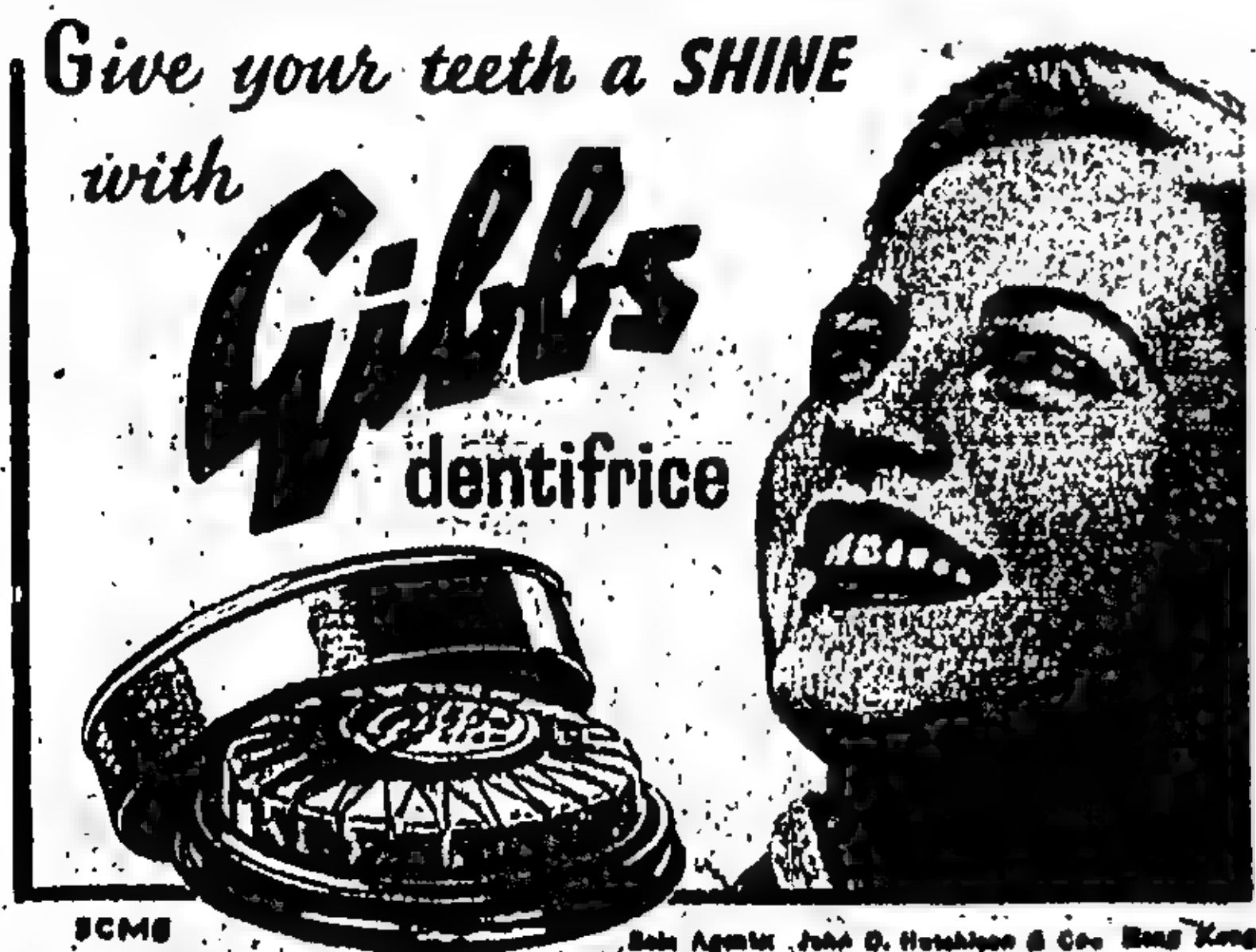


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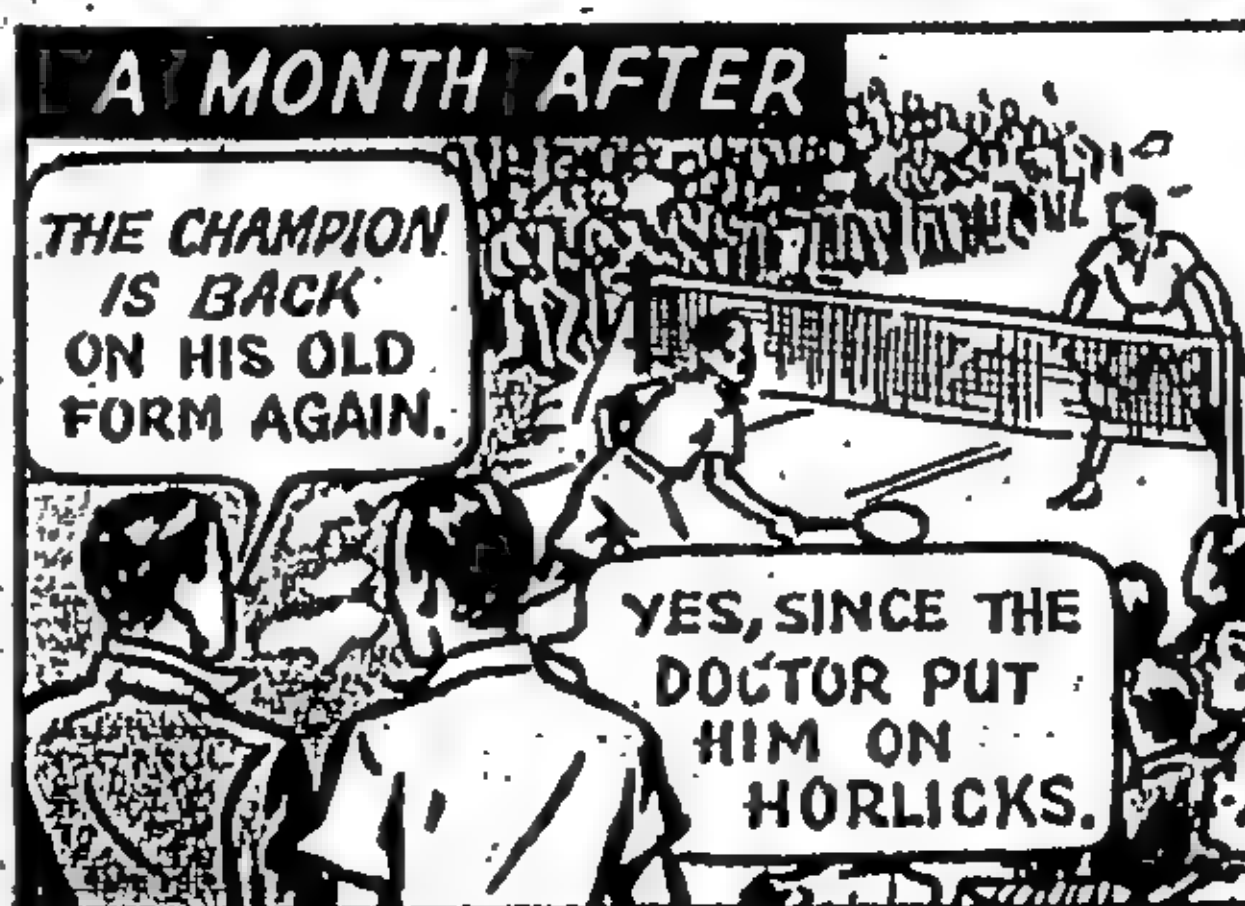
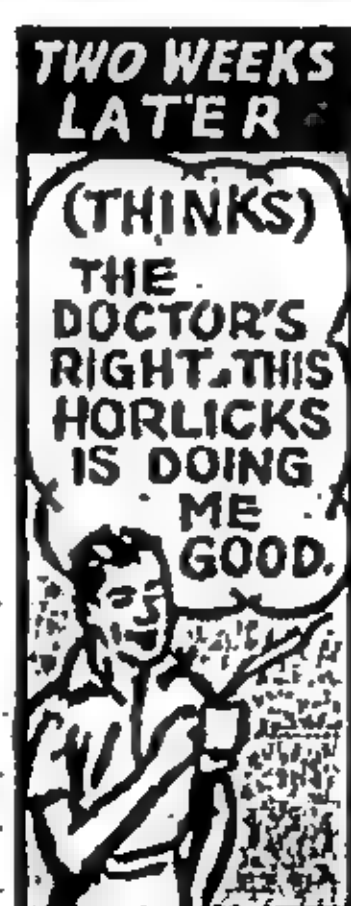
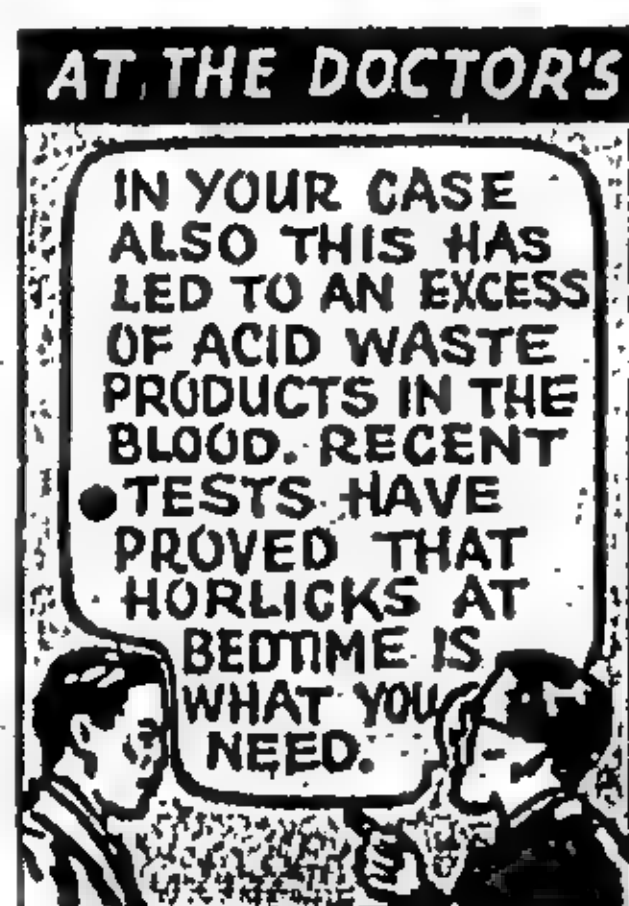
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Tiger Standish, ace of British secret agents, foils a Nazi scheme to parade the First Lord of the Admiralty in the Unter den Linden in chains

TIGER STANDISH WAS SPENDING A QUIET EVENING at home—if "quiet" is the proper term to describe a very rowdy drinking party of four uproariously merry males.

Running across his old friend, Tony Wilding, to whom, after the Caesarine night-club episode, he felt he owed a debt, he had invited the Wing-Commander round to Chapel Street for a yarn and a "spot" if he had nothing else on.

Wilding had instantly accepted.

"As a matter of fact, old boy," he said, somewhat lugubriously, "I'm almost 'Hearts of Oak', and, with all the cash gone, I shall be glad of a quiet 'last' night. I'm going back to the 'Bother' to-morrow, you know."

Wilding may have been shy of cash but his passing impetuosity had evidently not affected his high spirits. At half-past seven that night, as arranged, he turned up, having a naval officer and a captain in the Tank Corps in tow.

"Hope you don't mind, Tiger," he explained, "but I saw these lads running round the West End this afternoon, and afraid that they were going on the loose—their roving eyes were all over the place—I thought I'd bring them along, if only to keep 'em out of mischief."

Standish ran a quick eye over the strangers and, deciding that they were both prospective members of his own lodge, grinned in greeting.

"Only too pleased," he replied. "You'll have to put up with a scratch meal, though—my missus is away."

The meal did not prove to be so "scratch" after all. Bates having worked his usual wonders, and, "having taken on board the cargo," as the naval officer put it, they were now ready for the serious business of the evening.

In the usual way, Standish was abstemious—in civil life his favourite sport made this necessary—but tonight, feeling in the mood, he had rather let himself go. So, as already hinted, it was a very merry party that was gathered later on in the half-library, half-den at No. 101 Chapel Street, Mayfair.

Glass in hand, Bill Cossor, "the Navy bloke," stood with his back to the fire, looking implacably mischievous.

"I say, Standish, what about listening to that joker Haw-Haw?" He's about the only bright spot we have when we're at sea; you should hear us in the ward-room in 'Thunder'."

The suggestion was quickly taken up by Wilding and Laidley of the Tanks; and, anxious to oblige, Tiger went over to the corner, did a little knob-turning, and then returned to his seat.

It was a good set, and very quickly the unmistakable tones of the man who nightly provided Britain with so much ribald mirth, could be heard filling the room.

"If you in Britain think that you are going to enjoy much longer the freedom from disaster of the last six months; let me tell you that you are very much mistaken." The over-ripe, fruity voice of the broadcaster seemed to vibrate with suppressed passion.

That simple soul, Bill Cossor, rolled in his chair, like an overgrown schoolboy being physically tickled.

"My God! He's a peach, that fellow!" he screamed.

"Shut up, Bill," admonished Wilding; "we can't hear what the blighter's saying."

Comparative silence having been restored, Haw-Haw could now be heard again.

"Britain will shortly suffer a terrible loss. You have been warned."

Laidley, who had been the more serious member of the party, looked across at his host.

"I don't think you ought to indulge the coarse tastes of Cossor any longer," he said, "as a matter of fact, that fellow always makes me feel like murder."

"Well, since you put it that way, Laidley—" and Standish, irritated himself, walked across and switched over to the Forces programme.

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REPORTING, AS USUAL, THE FOLLOWING MORNING, Tiger found Sir Barker Bellamy pre-occupied.

"What's the matter, pie-face?" he enquired sympathetically. "You look as if you've got a mixture of jaundice and lockjaw."

The Chief of Y.I. put down the paper-knife with which he had been fidgeting.

"You would be worried if you had my job, Tiger," he said, seriously. "Sit down, and all that pipe of yours," taking a long, flat tin from a drawer in his desk and pushing it across to his visitor.

Standish, filling a well-smoked briar with the cut plug, lit up, and waited for further information. Unless he was due to affect him personally, he was due to affect him personally.

But Bellamy appeared to be treating his particular problem in a strictly objective manner.

"Have you ever thought what would happen to this country's

HA! HA! TO HAW-HAW!

By
Sidney Horler

inquire if we lost Chartney Wilton?"

Standish, taking the pipe out of his mouth, softly smiled. "You're about as cheerful this morning, B., as a carbuncle," he rejoined.

"Answer my question," returned Bellamy firmly. "I'll put it again—can you imagine what would happen to the morale of this country if we lost Chartney Wilton?"

"Well," summed up Standish, "it would be pretty goddam. I agree Wilton's not only the best First Lord of the Admiralty we have had since Jackie Fisher, but he has won the admiration and the affection of the country in a most remarkable way."

"Exactly! In short, Tiger, he's the one outstanding man of the war. Right?"

"You're perfectly right; but what's on your mind, B. Why spoil my day like this?"

Bellamy picked up the ivory paper-knife again.

"I've got nothing definite to go on," he stated, "except a hunch—and you have known me long enough now to know that when I get a hunch I'm usually right. Remember that business at Vigo last year?"

"I can remember a good many other instances beside that 'Vigo show,'" confirmed Standish. "When did you begin to get this confounded hunch?"

"I've had it ever since I saw Hollister of the Yard. That must be about ten days ago. Hollister put the wind up me by saying how careless Wilton is; hates to have the detective who has been allotted to him hanging at his heels, and so on. Tries to elude the chap as much as possible. Now you know what the Nazis think of Wilton; we've heard some specimens over the wireless night after night."

"Stop!" said Standish, putting up his hand like a policeman on traffic duty.

"What's the matter with you?"

"You're not the only one to have hunches, B.," returned the secret agent; "do you ever listen-in, by any chance, to that poisonous swine, Haw-Haw?"

The Intelligence Chief growled. "I've got something better to do with my time."

"You're a wise old bird in some ways, B., but occasionally you slip up badly. Very badly."

"Oh, I do, eh?" was the challenging retort.

"You ought to have listened to Haw-Haw last night, at any rate," he was told.

"Why last night?"

"Well, I may be wrong, but two things seem to link up."

"What two things?"

"First, I hear over a German broadcast that this country is going to suffer a terrible loss."

Now, wait a minute," he went on quickly, seeing the mocking expression on his listener's face. "We know that the Nazis are always threatening sudden deaths and other kinds of blitzkrieg and unpleasantness; but Haw-Haw last night was serious—at least, he sounded serious."

"I'm surprised, Tiger, at a fellow like you being affected by that pig's-wash. Terrible loss my foot!—he was just trying to frighten the life out of the simpletons in the country villages. According to that fellow Rakkes, at Broadcasting House, that's one of his pet stunts."

"Perhaps it is; but listen to me a little longer. Point No. 1, as I have already stated, consists of a threat made over the German wireless; that in itself might not appear very important; I'll give in to you to that extent; but, dash it all, only a few hours later I come along to you and you are dressed practically from head and foot in crepe. Now I ask you, B., what greater loss could this country have than if we lost Chartney Wilton?"

This time Bellamy did not scoff. "If they contemplated anything in that direction, and it's not beyond them, of course—you remember I've told you before about the German plot hatched in Switzerland in the last war, which had as its object the wholesale assassination of all the principal men in the Allied Powers—surely they would not be such damn fools as to broadcast the fact?"

"Not to give details, of course, but don't you think it's very singular that this threat should have been made only twenty-four hours after Wilton had broadcast himself, giving the Nazis hell, and telling them that whatever fresh devils they conspired, we had the answer to them?"

"I'm afraid you're not your usual bright little self this morning, B."

"It was not until twenty more minutes had passed that Tiger Stan-

dish left his superior officer. When he regained the street, he was looking very serious.

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IN THE USUAL WAY, MR. CHARTNEY WILTON, THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, never left London unless to visit an important naval station, or to accompany the other British representatives of the supreme Allied War Council when they crossed to Paris.

His country house in Sussex had not seen him since the outbreak of war; but, after working at terrific pressure for a period of ninety-six hours—during which time he had snatched only a few brief intervals for sleep on the camp-bed in the ante-room adjoining his private room at the Admiralty—he felt that he must have a break.

Besides, in the safe in his Sussex study there were certain private papers which he wanted to consult. Chartney Wilton was a man of extraordinarily wide interests; he would have won world fame at almost every one of these, but the most important of his many hobbies was his work as an amateur bacteriologist.

"I shall spend the night at Foyne's," he told his principal secretary as he wished him good-bye at nine o'clock on this particular evening; you can expect me back here by ten to-morrow morning."

"Very well, sir."

The First Lord looked at him in characteristically shrewd fashion. "Worked about anything, Steers?"

"Any trouble of any kind?"

The secretary hesitated before replying; then, knowing that he would be forced to give an answer, he said, "You're sure you'll be all right, sir?"

"All right? Of course I'll be all right! Why not?"

He could not be bothered with discussing such a matter, the statesman walked energetically away.

His car was already waiting, the chauffeur holding open the door—always in a hurry himself, and delay made Wilton furious—and two men, both in plain clothes, standing near him. One of these men Wilton recognised as a regular Scotland Yard detective who, since the outbreak of war, had been detailed to act as his bodyguard.

It was this man who now spoke. "The Commissioner's compliments, sir, and we have both to go down into the country with you to-night."

The First Lord made a sound suspiciously like a grunt.

"Very well, but I think it's all a damn nuisance. Get into the back of the car, then," he went on, and walking round the bonnet, took the seat by the side of the driver. He then noticed that his chauffeur had a thick woollen scarf wrapped round his throat.

"Got a cold, Tompkins?"

The answer came in a sepulchral tone, as though the speaker was suffering from the fashionable pharyngitis.

"Yes, sir."

"Oh! Well, I hope you'll soon be better." One of Chartney Wilton's many good points was the habitual kindness he showed to all who worked for and with him. Then, becoming once more absorbed in his thoughts, he settled himself into his seat and the car moved off.

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IT WAS ABOUT AN HOUR LATER that he was jerked out of the contemplative into the actual. The first intimation he had was feeling something cold pressing against the back of his neck. Then a voice spoke—harsh, menacing, and obviously very determined.

"What you feel is a revolver, Mr. Chartney Wilton," he heard; "and it's quite liable to go off. So don't make any fuss."

Before Wilton could reply to this strange pronouncement, he heard the croaking voice of his chauffeur whisper: "They're a couple of Nazis, sir."

"I've got a gun at the back of my neck, too."

The First Lord was a brave man. Physical courage had been a characteristic of his life during the past forty years. He had shown it not only on the field of battle, during a collision at sea, and in his many public utterances, but, confronted with a situation that might well end in his death, he had a momentary sensation of dismay. Not for him—self—he had lived his life, and after all, death in itself had never held any terrors for him—but he was thinking of the country.

A man of acute reasoning, he knew, with-out any false modesty whatever, that there was no one who could adequately take his place. Although not the Navy's first, he had acquired the tradition of the Navy; the first six months of the war had proved him

a brilliant strategist, and it was intolerable to think that his new plans, to which he had given so many hours of concentrated thought, should be frustrated just when it seemed that they might bear brilliant fruit.

The wise course was to submit. Consequently, although his blood boiled, he kept his voice steady as he spoke, still looking straight in front of him.

"Perhaps you would tell me exactly that you intend to do with me?"

"It won't be pleasant hearing, Mr. Chartney Wilton."

"Never mind! I'll try to stand it!" and, unconsciously, as he spoke the famous chin jutted out at its well-known angle. How his admirers in the House of Commons would have cheered could they have seen that scintillating

Mr. Chartney Wilton, you're shortly going to be taken out of this car—your chauffeur won't be able to help you because he has a gun to his own neck—and transferred to another. Then you'll be taken to a certain place on the Sussex coast. Shortly before midnight you will be put on a 'U' boat. One of those that, with all your brilliant scheming, have not yet been sunk!"

It was difficult to believe that one human voice could hold so much concentrated fury and devilish malice.

"And when I am in the 'U' boat?"

"You will be taken to Cuxhaven, our 'U' boat base; from there you will go to Berlin—the Berliners will be glad to see the man who has boasted of sinking so many of our submarines fleet!"

Now it was the other man who spoke, and he addressed himself to the chauffeur.

"Stop at the Cuckfield cross roads, it's about a hundred yards ahead; no more business, mind," and the driver felt the weapon pressed deeper into his neck.

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THE TRANSFER OF THE TWO PRISONERS—it had been decided to take the chauffeur along as well—having been completed, the second car drove off at a rapid pace in the direction of the Sussex coast.

This time, one of the Nazi spies was at the wheel, with the First Lord's chauffeur at his side. Wilton himself was seated between two jailers in the back of the car. His wrists, like those of his chauffeur, were handcuffed.

The reflections of the First Lord were so unpleasant that he determined not to dwell on them. Because, now that they had won, the first round, these damned spies might very well carry their threat into execution; once he was on board that submarine, nothing could save him—unless it was a depth-charge from one of his own destroyers. Well, in that case he would have the satisfaction of knowing that a hundred or so Nazis would be blown to bits with him.

It was Tompkins he felt sorry for. Tompkins had a wife and a couple of kids, one only nine months old. It was while he was in the middle of this depressing reflection that the First Lord received another shock. Tompkins was talking to himself, a habit which he had never known the fellow to possess before, and he was trying to convey to him, his master, some kind of message. In any case, the experience of that night had seemed to affect his brain because the words he uttered were very queer.

"Guv'nor, I arskes yer, why one is 'ere'?"

That was what Tompkins had said, and at first the words appeared to have no meaning. Then the quick brain of the First Lord seized on the inner significance of that strange Cockney plaint. For one thing, Tompkins had always prided himself on his grammar-school education; lapsing at any time into Cockney speech he would have regarded as a personal degradation.

He'd got it! The man was not Tompkins at all! If he had not been so absorbed in his own thoughts after leaving the Admiralty that night, he would probably have noticed that this man, although about the same build as Tompkins, was not his usual chauffeur. Then there could be only one explanation: the man masquerading as his chauffeur was really a British Intelligence agent!

"I'm sorry, Tompkins, for getting you into this mess," he said, playing up.

"It's all right, Guv'nor—only once again I arskes yer, why one is 'ere'?"

Y.I. Yes, he was one of Bellamy's boys all right!

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ANOTHER HOUR HAD PASSED, and again the scene was changed. The two prisoners could now be seen sitting on a low couch in a meanly-furnished bungalow at "Blindling Gap." They knew it was Blindling Gap because their captors had boasted that this was the best spot for the submarine to approach the Sussex coast.

Opposite the First Lord and the man in chauffeur's uniform, the two men who had passed as "Scottish Yard detectives" were regarding them with open and blatant triumph. The third Nazi was not in the room; he had been instructed to keep watch outside.

"Not that there is much chance of the British Secret Service coming to our rescue," answered the obvious leader. "But we cannot take any chance at all."

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WHY SUFFER FROM HEADACHES SLEEPLESSNESS IRRITABILITY



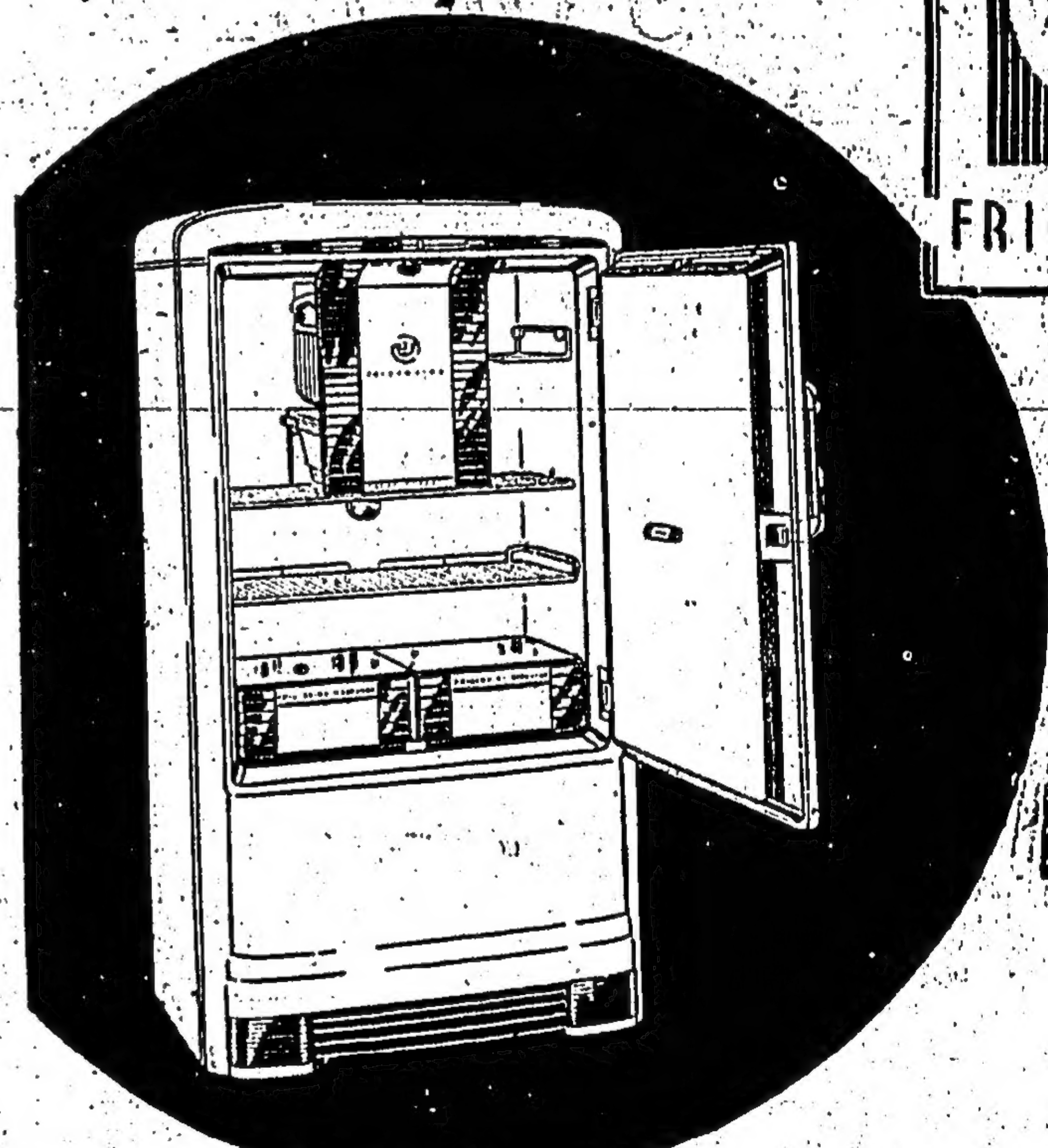
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MR. H. G. WELLS, glancing grimly skywards at the shape of Things to Come, has written us another one of his pungent little tracts for the times.

In "All Aboard for Ararat" he presents a new version of Noah and his Ark. But this is a twentieth-century Noah, and the Ark that he builds is intended to save the best of mankind from deluge of war and terrorism and Nazism.

The new Noah has some wise and witty Welshian conversation with the God of the Old Testament, and the inevitable question has to be thrashed out—what is worth saving?

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Mr. Wells at once sees the flaws in this basis for a New Deal for mankind. So, gradually, does Noah.

The little book ends Henry Vaughan, the immortal in the air. But not before you have been stimulated to some new lines of

BOOKS

thought, and enjoyed some barbed gibes at the world in deluge and the Petains who wallow so complacently in its waters.

E. B.

THE SOLDIER POET

"The Swan Of Usk." By Helen Ashton (Collins, 9s.).

"THE SWAN OF USK" is Henry Vaughan, 17th-century poet and mystic. (You'll remember he wrote "My soul, there is a country.")

He was born in a manor house in the Welsh marches in 1622, the elder by ten minutes of his twin brother, Thomas.

He went to Oxford, fought for King Charles, became a doctor, married successively two sisters and had several children.

Beyond these bare facts, little is known about him: with the result that Miss Ashton's 300-odd pages sketch mainly the background of his times rather than his own life.

Her picture of the sweep of the Civil War, with its gruesome cameos of army surgery, is startling in its vividness.

But one can't help wishing she'd given us more about Henry Vaughan, the immortal poet, and less about Henry Vaughan, the rather undistinguished soldier.

THE DEBACLE

"The Last Days of Paris." By Alexander Werth. (Hamish Hamilton. 8s. 6d. net.)

The moral collapse of a community must always be a poignant affair, when seen from outside. And that is what the French tragedy seems to amount to, as we follow it through the window of Mr. Werth's diary.

The war had never been looked in the face by the public—because the censorship would not permit it. It had been studied only perfunctorily by the generals, and by the politicians it had been used mainly as a factor in the everlasting game of in-and-out. Hence, when the crash came, defeatism had no difficulty in flooding the general mind.

Mr. Werth's record begins with the invasion of Holland, and sees him safely (though far from comfortably) transported from Bordeaux to England. Every page of it agitates and hurts. There is no sense of any bracing element. There may be gallantry at the front, but for the rest, the whole nation seems crumbling away together. We are told here just what most people wanted to know of the scarcely credible story.

Mr. Werth supplies an epilogue sketch—"The Seeds of Vichy"—in which the shoddy political prelude to the war is analysed. He does not attempt to dig deep. That would have needed a volume double the size. Those who want to trace causes further back had better read Bodley's "France," which becomes tenfold more vivid in the light of these events than when it was published forty years ago.

But Mr. Werth's book will always hold its ground as a burning first-hand story. H. A. G.



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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Fall and Winter Check-up

BY KEMP STARRETT





A basically simple theme—how a mother widowed through her husband's death on the hunting field seeks to drive from her blood a traditional love for horses and to prevent her son from developing the same affection—is handled with sincere approach and excellent appreciation in "Maryland," a fine story of the turf now showing at the King's Theatre.

All the excitement and thrill and suspense of the hunt and the race track are here, dexterously woven against a story pattern that is distinctly human and not difficult to understand.

Technicolour enhances the spectacle, and the sporting pink and the greens of a healthy country have never before been shown to such realistic perfection.

The fight for the classic Maryland Hunt Cup, when the son wins the coveted honours despite a bad spill whilst his mother, too late to obstruct his path, is reconciled with her real self, provides a stirring and heart-warming climax to an enjoyable film.

The drama is set besides some genuine comedy, and in the portrait

Film Stars' Aid For Britain

HOLLYWOOD'S British colony, angered at being labelled "deserters," have dropped all mystery and revealed the extent of their contributions to Great Britain's war chest.

It was announced that:

Anna Neagle and Laurence Olivier, by touring the United States making personal appearances, have sent £175,000, less taxes to aid England's war effort;

Cary Grant has given £31,000 his salary for starring in his latest film, "Philadelphia Story," to British war relief;

Charles Laughton is handing over his entire radio earnings of £1,000 a broadcast;

Gracie Fields is sending the entire proceeds of her present Canadian tour;

Noel Coward's play, "Tonight at 8.30," at present running in New York, is expected to realize £25,000 for Britain's cause.

£1,500,000 Film

It was also announced that the colony are perfecting plans for a "Six Million Dollars" (£1,500,000) British propaganda film, glorifying the Empire and featuring more glittering names than any picture yet produced.

It is tentatively entitled "The Rafter's Ring."

None of the Britons who take part in the film will receive a penny.

They will include Ronald Colman, Merle Oberon, Madeleine Carroll, Gracie Fields, Brian Aherne, Vivien Leigh, Joan Fontaine, Herbert Mar-

Walt Disney's "PINOCCHIO"

ONE of Disney's secrets of success is that having achieved technical brilliance he is always introducing new and lovable characters in his drawings.

In "Pinocchio," now showing at the Queen's and Alhambra, we are introduced to Jiminy Cricket, a personality that bids fair to rival Dopey in your affections.

He is in fact a cricket and is made the keeper of Pinocchio's conscience by the fairy who gives life to a wooden puppet made by a kindly old wood-carver, Geppetto.

He is not only comic but also quite philosophical and practically steals the picture.

I say practically because you have to leave a lot of admiration for Pinocchio himself, the little wooden puppet who is led astray by the Fox and sold to Stromboli, an unscrupulous puppet master.

Later he escapes but is again trapped by the Fox who sells him to the Coachman, a black-hearted character who takes the naughty little boys to the Island of Pleasure where they are turned into donkeys and resold. Jiminy helps Pinocchio escape, but when they return home to find that Geppetto has been

Nothing daunted, they go to the bottom of the sea and find the old man with his cat and his goldfish in the belly of the whale.

Finally, they escape and the good fairy removes the donkey's ears and tail which Pinocchio had acquired when he was on the Island of Pleasure and turns him into a real boy because he had saved his father and shown courage and unselfishness.

Figaro the kitten, and Cleo the goldfish are noteworthy additions to Disney's picture gallery.

The Fox is splendidly drawn, as is his companion, Gideon the cat, but Stromboli, the puppet master, is rather too much in the tradition of cartoon ogres.

The Coachman is quite good and Lampwick, a tough little urchin who accompanies Pinocchio to the Island of Pleasure and becomes a donkey, is excellent.

Monstro the whale is immense in the true and colloquial sense of the word.

The old woodcarver's house with its numberless clocks and musical gadgets is full of surprises; there seems to be no end to the inventiveness of the producer.

shall, Laurence Olivier, Cary Grant, Charles Laughton, Anna Neagle, Greer Garson, Maureen O'Hara, Sabu, Basil Rathbone, Una Connor, and a hundred others.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Herbert Wilcox will produce the film. Alfred Hitchcock, Edmund Goulding and Zoltan Korda will direct.

Seventy-five per cent. of the film's proceeds will be sent to the King's and "Storm Over Bengal."

of a coloured stable boy's strength and weakness we have a real gem of negro humour.

The leading roles are well played by Fay Bainter, as the mother, John Payne, as the son, Walter Brennan, as the stable manager, and Brenda Joyce, as his grand-daughter. Ben Carter is more than at home in the part of the stable boy, whilst Hattie McDaniel, the "Mammy" of "Gone With The Wind," is a lovable Aunt Carrie.

Coming Films

With Christmas and New Year in the offing, theatre operators in Hongkong are doing something about their holiday programmes. Though everything depends on the film arriving in time, it is learned that Charlie Chaplin's latest picture, "The Great Dictator," is booked for Christmas week.

Next week-end at the Queen's and Alhambra we will have Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," which stars Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier. Read the serialisation of the story, which begins in the "Telegraph" on Monday.

The King's is putting on Loretta Young and Melvyn Douglas in "The Doctor Takes a Wife" next week. It's a fine comedy.

All in all, cinema fans are in for several weeks of good shows.



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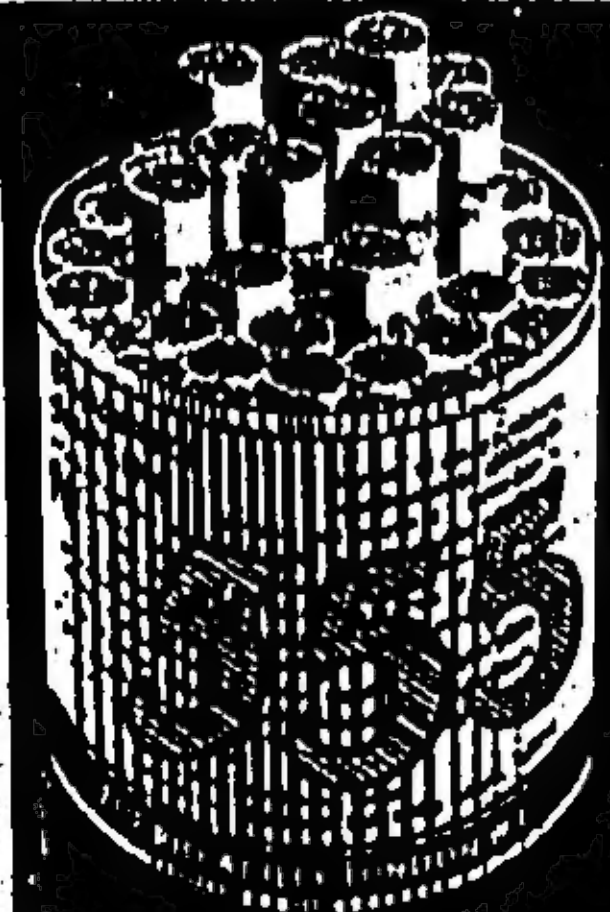
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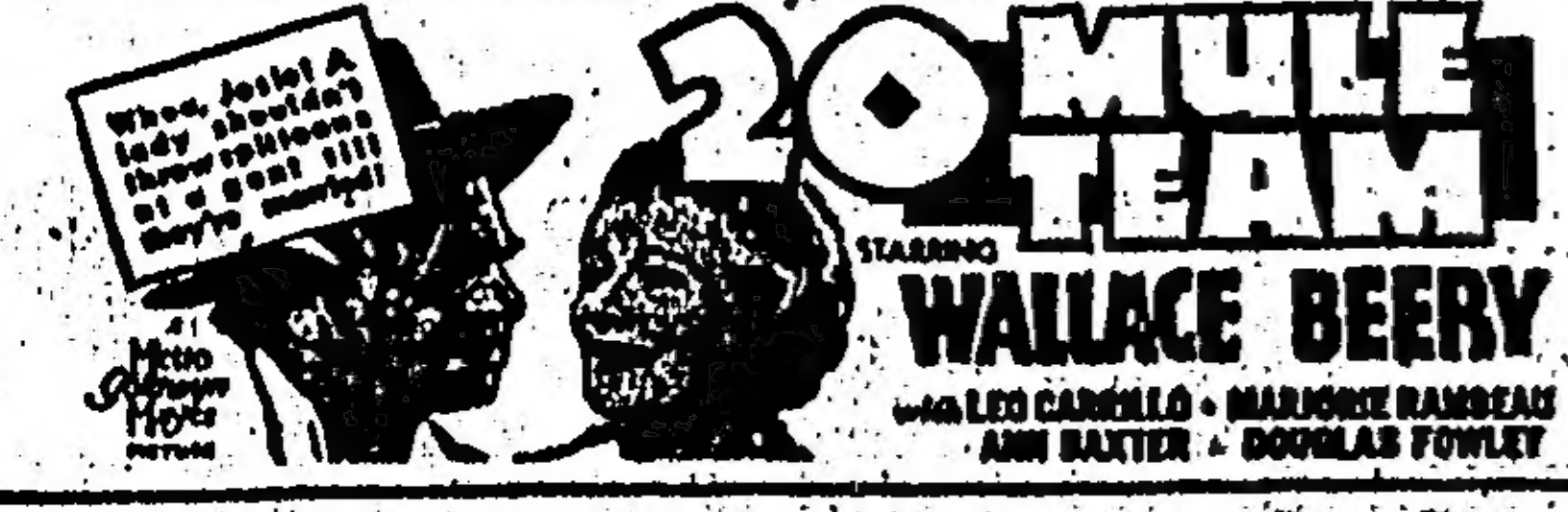


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HA! HA! TO HAW-HAW!

By Sidney Horler

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As though encouraged by the lugubrious look on the expressive face of the First Lord, the man who had given his companions the above instructions now goaded the British statesman afresh.

"Yes, you will look nice, Mr. Chartney Wilton, walking down the Unter den Linden in chains!" he sneered.

At the words, the man in chauffeur's uniform sprang up and raised his mottled hands above his head in an attitude of appeal.

"Oh, I see, Mr. Nasty, ye can't do that to the Guv'nor, no really ye can't"—and, to give emphasis to his statement, he twisted his hands convulsively.

The result was astonishing. Before either of the two Germans could recover from their amazement, the handcuffs by some miraculous means, had dropped off the speaker's wrists and fell with a clang to the floor.

Then Tiger Standish went into action.

Bending forward like an animal preparing to spring, he leapt across the table at the man who had done most of the gloating. Before the other could grab one of the revolvers which had been placed on the table, he had got at his throat. In face of such concentrated passion there was no defence; the man was dead within a minute.

Tiger, releasing his fingers, turned just in time to see the second Nazi emerging from beneath the overturned table, a revolver in either hand. Standish dropped instantly to the floor, putting the table top between him and his enemy. The latter then started to attack him around this obstacle, but he was severely handicapped by falling over the foot which Chartney Wilton had outstretched for the purpose.

"Fine, sir!" cried Tiger joyously, and set about Nazi No. 2 with such abandon that thirty seconds later he tossed his senseless body down by the side of his dead companion.

The victor turned to the First Lord.

"I daresay all this seems a little strange to you, sir," he stated, but Wilton, with the chuckle that his political opponents had known so well before the war, replied:

"Oh not at all! The only thing that really puzzles me is how the devil you got rid of those handcuffs." "It's a trick I was taught by an old convict, and he got it in turn from Rouzini."

"The old music-hall artist?"

"That's the fellow, sir. Give me your hands, will you?"

How it was done Wilton was never able to decide, but the fact remained that, as a result of a few moments' intensive manipulation, the handcuffs fell off his own wrists as easily as he had watched them fall off the secret agent's.

"Thank you. Your name is Standish, isn't it?"

"Why do you say that, sir?"

"Well, first of all because of your repeated 'Why One' and secondly because Sir Harker Bellamy once told me that he had a fellow in his Department who was capable of anything, and you seem to answer the description. . . . Well, my boy, you're the commanding officer for to-night. What do we do next?"

"Get into touch with the Admiralty, sir. I suggest. Those fellows weren't bluffing; in exactly forty minutes, pulling a watch out of his breeches pocket, "our 'U' boat is due to be off this coast. I'll just have a look and see where the third blighter is, and then we'll find a

telephone. If I'm not mistaken, that old lighthouse up on the cliff, which is only five minutes away, is occupied by Sir Neville Trent, the retired nerve specialist. No doubt he'll let us ring up from there."

The First Lord chuckled again. "And perhaps he'll be able to give you something for your nerves," he replied.

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Band Concert Result

The results have come to hand of the Band Concert given by the combined orchestras of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday last. The British War Organisation Fund benefited to the extent of \$2,322, and the War Fund, inaugurated by the South China Morning Post and the Hongkong Telegraph, by a donation of \$1,250.

The success of the concert was largely due to Mr. A. K. Dinwoodie and his staff, to Mr. T. B. Wilson, by his able efforts in coaching people to bid for programmes and raffle tickets, and to Mr. H. F. Phillips, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Wingfield for the very efficient manner in which they organised the sale of programmes and for their enthusiastic work generally.

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Mme. Sun To Open Charity Bazaar

Mme. Sun Fo, wife of the President of the Legislative Yuan, opened the three-day charity bazaar at the Chinese Recreation Club grounds, Causeway Bay, yesterday.

The function was organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association, under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan, chairman, who was assisted by a corps of helpers.

The Chung Sing Benevolent Society's Band was in attendance, their gaily decorated stand being set in the centre, with the various stalls arranged along three sides of the field. Ten tables were laid in front of the club house.

The stalls included Chinese products, curios, knitted garments, handicraft, toys, fruits and flowers, and an entire section of games for children.

The Sun Ying Ming Photographer's Studio, and a booth in which fortunes were told by face reading and palmistry, were a novel addition to the usual attractions of these affairs.

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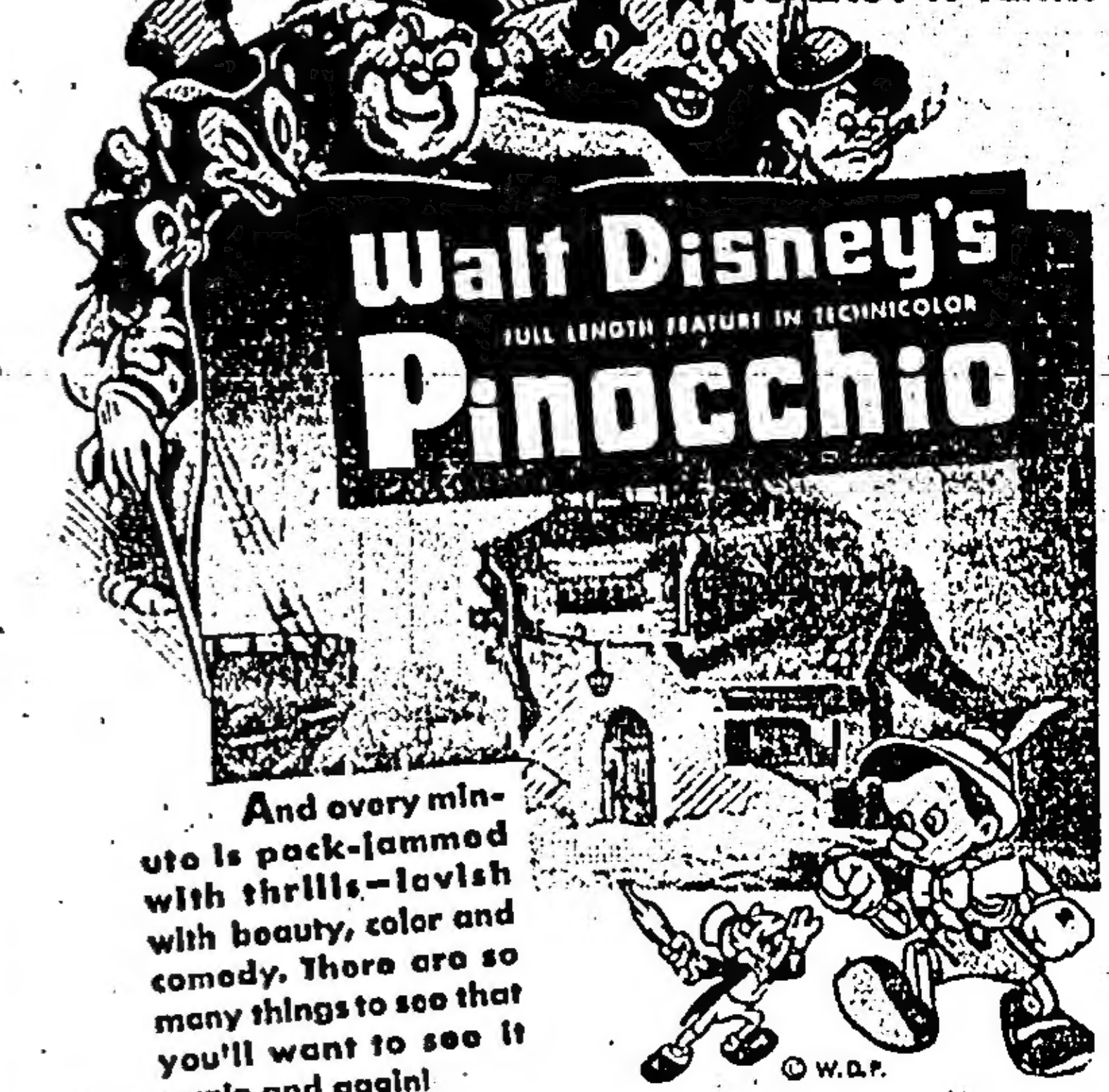
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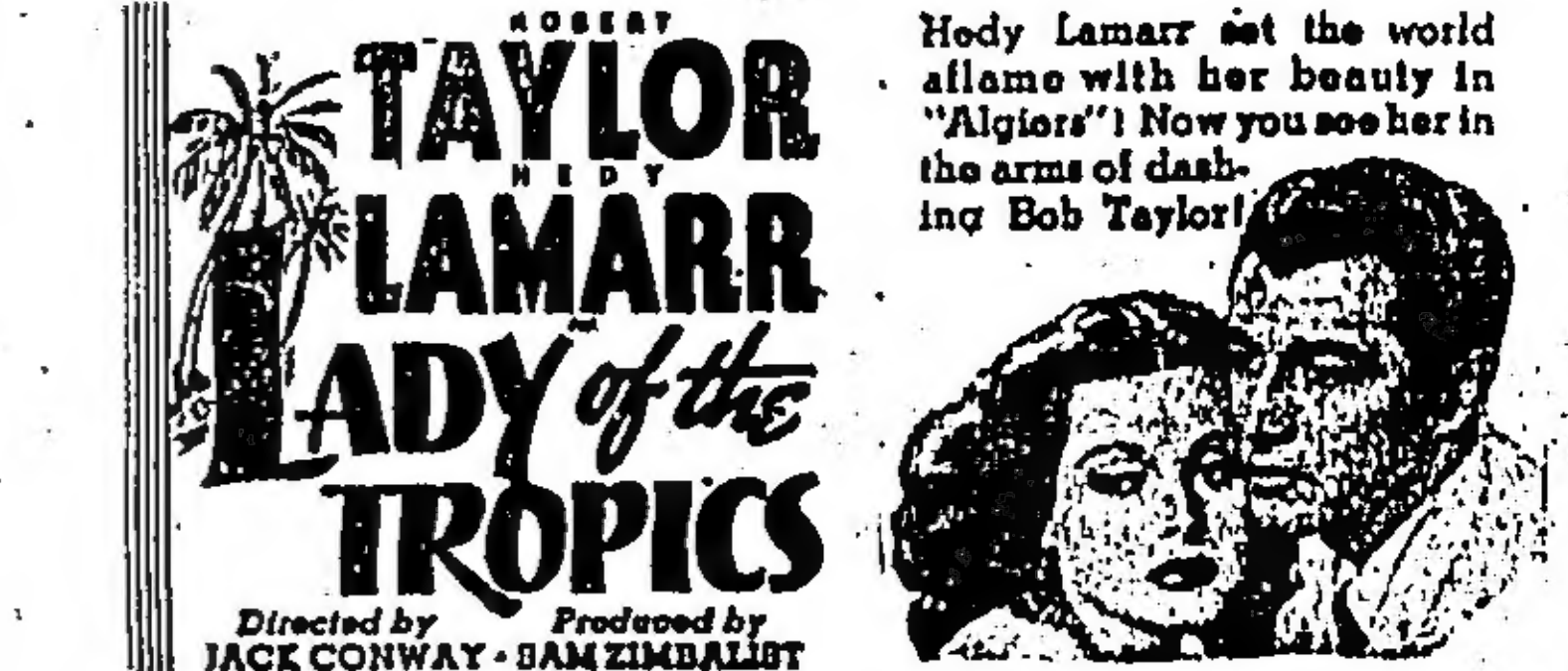


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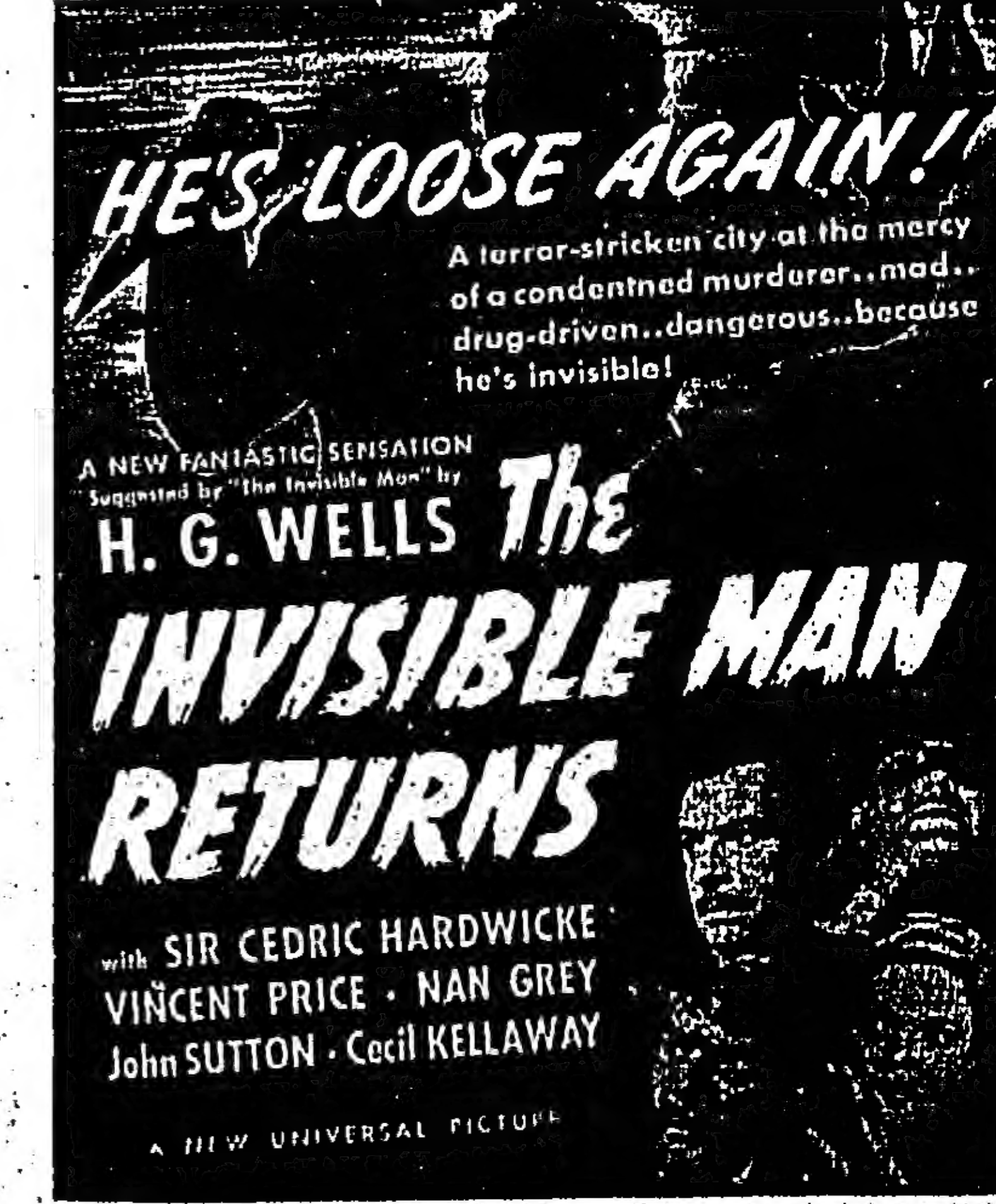
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